

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Spiny Dogfish Industry Meeting



January 18, 2013



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Announcements
- Review of Operating Guidelines / Ground Rules / Fisheries Management Principles - Presentation
- Control Dates – Presentation and Discussion
- Qualifications – Presentation and Discussion
- MSC Q&A - Steve Vilnit
- Other Business / Public Comment / Adjourn

Timeline

Implementation Goal: November 1, 2013

- Draft regulations, take them to the public for input by April/May 2013
- Propose regulations by July 1, 2013
- Regulations would be effective by late October 2013

Work Plan – What will the Workgroup do?

Each Meeting will cover a topic that will need to be addressed while reviewing the design of the fishery

- Control dates: Who is included?
- Landings data: What's the source?
- Limited Entry: What does it look like? Qualifications?
- Process: transfers, declarations, permits, rollovers, etc
- Cost recovery and enforcement



Guidelines / Ground Rules

- Motions:
 - Work group members should make a motion when recommending action to Fisheries Service, e.g. Jeff Eustler motions that Fisheries Service consider making the spiny dogfish fishery limited entry. Motion is seconded by Sonny Gwin.
 - Discussion will follow and will be limited to the merits of the motion.
 - Motion should be approved by the majority. A tie or a failed motion provides us as much information as a passed motion.
 - Will need to document reasons why passed, failed, or tied. If not unanimous, the work group should report on all reason(s) for the dissenting vote.



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Guidelines / Ground Rules

- One workgroup member will speak at a time. Please raise your hand, and we (the facilitators) will ensure each member has an opportunity to talk.
- For topics not on the agenda, there will be time under “other business” to bring items to our attention.
- On discussion outside of the meeting: recommendations made to the Department outside of the workgroup meeting will not be considered.

Parameters: Fisheries Services' Management Principles

- Sustainability
 - Provides for long-term availability of the fisheries resource
- Accountability
 - Harvest reporting/accounting is transparent
- Cost Recovery
 - The cost of managing the fishery (permits, quota monitoring, etc) is covered by the industry – the state does not incur any additional cost
- Enforceability
 - The laws and regulations do not require additional man power, and compliance is easily verified



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Proposed Spiny Dogfish Workgroup Objective:
Recommend regulations to the Department that meet their principles and meet the industry's goals.

Spiny Dogfish Workgroup Goals:

- provide a sustained winter fishery from November – April
- no ITQs
- protect local, active fishermen
- maintain flexibility

Future discussions may bring up other goals that were not part of previous discussion.



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Control Dates – Vessel Summary



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May 2004 – Fishery Resumes

Time Period	Number of Unique Participants	Estimated Participants	Difference
May 2004 - December 2010	67	38	29
May 2004 - December 2012	127	53	74
May 2004 – April 30, 2012	116	49	67
May 2004 - November 9, 2012	117	49	68

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Control Dates with Vessel Counts

Time Period	Number of Vessels
May 2004 - December 2010	27
May 2004 – April 30, 2012	38
May 2004 - November 9, 2012	38
May 2004 - December 2012	41



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Limited Entry:

What does it look like?
Qualifications?



Limited Entry: What Does it Look Like? Qualifications?

What we have heard so far:

- Follow federal spiny dogfish fishery vessel rules
 - Eliminates complications resulting from vessel ownership
 - Corporations/multiple people owning a share
 - Consistency
 - Require a federal spiny dogfish permit
 - Ever? Consistently for the selected landings period?
Must the vessel always be in possession of a federal permit?



Limited Entry: What Does it Look Like? Qualifications?

What we have heard so far:

- Locals only
 - Cannot possess an out of state spiny dogfish permit.
 - Excludes VA state permit holders
 - Allows DE watermen
 - OC harbor requirement
 - How would this work?



Limited Entry: What Does it Look Like? Qualifications?

What we have heard so far:

- Tiered system that could allow for bycatch by people that did not qualify for limited entry.
 - Group A Qualifications?
 - Group B Qualifications?
 - Group C Qualifications?
- How do new people enter the fishery?



Limited Entry: What Does it Look Like? Qualifications?

Are these ideas still desirable and necessary?

Are there any other criteria ideas?

Work Plan Tracking

Completed Topics:

- ✓ Control dates: Who is included?
- ✓ Landings data: What's the source?
- ✓ Limited Entry: What does it look like? Qualifications?

Upcoming Topics:

- Process: transfers, declarations, permits, rollovers, etc – February with Allison Luettel
- Cost recovery and enforcement - March



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MSC Q&A

Steve Vilnit

MDNR Marketing Program Manager



Other Business

- Next meeting is Friday, February 8, 2013
Ocean Pines Library
2-4 pm
Topic - Process: transfers, declarations, permits, rollovers, etc – Allison Luettel
- Public Comment
- Adjourn