

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Spiny Dogfish Industry Meeting



February 8, 2013



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Announcements
- Review of Operating Guidelines / Ground Rules / Fisheries Management Principles - Presentation
- Suggested Qualifications – Presentation
- Declarations, Permits, Transfers, & Use it or Loose it – Presentation
- 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.



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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Suggested Qualifications

Suggestion 1: Tier System Based on Dates

41 Vessels: May 2004 -
December 2012

- Tier A: Nov. 1, 2012-Dec. 31, 2012
- Tier B: May 2004 – April 2012
- Tier C: Bycatch

Tier	# Vessels
Tier A	18
Tier B	23
Tier C	Everyone Else

Suggestion 2: Minimum Landings by Gear

- Landed at least 10,000 lbs from May 2004 - December 2012 for all gears except trawl, 1,000 lbs.

Gear	# Vessels Qualify	# Vessels Not Qualify	Total
Other	23	11	34
Trawl	6	1	7
Total	29	12	41



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Declarations, Permits, Transfers, and Use it
or Loose it

Allison Luettel



Declarations

- Date
- Required Information
 - License Number/Type
 - Vessel(s)
 - Vessel Registration/Documentation Number(s)
 - Federal Permit Number (if applicable)
- Proof of Ownership
 - Bill of Sale
 - Company By-Laws indicating at least 1% share of ownership in company to include vessel(s)
- Failure to declare
 - Allowing new people into the fishery if failure to declare

Permits

- Declared Vessels
 - Allowing for use of an operator
 - Allowing an individual to catch quota on an undeclared vessel as long as the permittee is in possession of the permit
- Limit the number of permits per vessel AW2
 - With vessel limits will this be an issue?
 - Most other fisheries limit 2 permits being fished at once
- Allowing non-permit holders by-catch
 - Look at current harvest levels to determine acceptable daily vessel limits for non permit holders

AW2

Limiting the number of permits per vessel isn't applicable to this fishery because the permit is going to be tied to the vessel and the fishery is based on a vessel trip limit.

Angel Willey, 2/6/2013

Transfers

- Do you want to allow for permit transfers?
 - Allows anyone with eligible qualifications (i.e. license/federal permit) to receive a temporary transfer of a permit
- Do you want to allow for “quota” transfers?
 - Limited to current permit holders
 - Could not exceed vessel limit
- Overages
 - Deduct any individuals overages from the following year?
 - Deduct any annual overages in the fishery from the total allotment the following year?

AW1

AW1

Quota transfers and overages are not necessary because we are not doing IFO's, just limited entry.

Angel Willey, 2/6/2013



Use it or Loose it

Is this desirable to the workgroup?

Implementation Options:

- Failure to declare after X number of years
- Failure to harvest after X number of years



Rollovers

- Rollovers would only have been applicable if IFQ's were on the table.

Work Plan Tracking

Completed Topics:

- ✓ Control dates: Who is included?
- ✓ Landings data: What's the source?
- ✓ Limited Entry: What does it look like?
Qualifications?
- ✓ Process: Declarations, Permits, & Transfers

Upcoming Topics:

- Cost recovery and enforcement - March



Other Business

- Next meeting is Friday, March 8, 2013
Ocean Pines Library
2-4 pm

Topic: Cost recovery and enforcement, continued qualifications, if necessary

- Public Comment
- Adjourn