

Spiny Dogfish Work Group

February 8, 2013 Spiny Dogfish Work Group Meeting Summary & Prep for the March 8, 2013 Meeting.

Ocean Pines Library 2-4 pm.

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Suggestion 1: Tier System Based on Dates

41 Vessels: May 2004 - December 2012

- **Tier A:** Nov. 1, 2012-Dec. 31, 2012
 - full vessel trip limit
- **Tier B:** May 2004 – April 2012
 - 1/3 of Tier A vessel trip limit
- **Tier C:** Bycatch
 - 500 lbs?

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

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Suggestion 2: Minimum Landings by Gear

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

Gear	# Vessels Qualify	# Vessels Not Qualify	Total
Other	24	10	34
Trawl	7	0	7
Total	31	10	41

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Suggestion 3: Minimum Landings by Gear

- Landed at least 10,000 lbs **in any one year** (calendar) May 2004 - December 2012 for all gears except trawl, 1,000 lbs.

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Trawl	7	0	7
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New Suggestion 4: Simplified, Semi-limited Entry

- Annual Declaration
 - Any TFL/FIN holder would be eligible to declare for the year
 - If you don't declare, you can't fish that season
 - or
 - It could be set up so that those who declare receive a higher vessel limit and those who didn't have a bycatch limit

Allison Luettel mentioned this option on our drive back from the February meeting. The snapping turtle & Yellow Perch fisheries only require a declaration.

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New Suggestion 4: Simplified, Semi-limited Entry

- Pro's
 - Vessel ownership does not have to be a requirement
 - Landings and dates are irrelevant
 - Potential avenue for new people to enter
 - No benefit to holding a permit & not fishing
 - Wouldn't need to do transfers at all
 - Stacking of permits can be prohibited
 - No one is excluded
- Con's
 - No one is excluded
 - Variable number of people/vessels per year

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Summary of Public Comments on Qualifications

- Do not want to be shut out/shouldn't keep a man from fishing
- Desire an opportunity for new people to participate without a large investment.

These are comments we have heard over the course of the meeting series.



Review of Declarations

- **Due Date:** March 31st - **Agreed 2/8/13**
- **Required Information**
 - License Number/Type
 - Vessel, Vessel Registration/Documentation Number
 - 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 – Decision March Meeting**
 - Do you want a consequence for failing to declare?
 - This could be an opportunity to allow new people into the fishery





Review of Permits

- **Declared Vessels**
 - Allow operator(s) - **Agreed 2/8/13**
 - Allow an individual to catch vessel trip limit on an undeclared vessel as long as the permittee is in possession of the permit
 - Already have regulations like this for summer flounder & black sea bass
 - Covers emergencies such as mechanical or medical trouble - **Agreed 2/8/13**
- **Limit the number of permits per vessel**
 - No Stacking - **Agreed 2/8/13**
- **Allowing non-permit holders by-catch**
 - No vessel requirement for bycatch
 - Suggestion of 500 lbs - **Decision March Meeting**





Review of Transfers

- **Do you want to allow temporary permit transfers?**
 - Allows anyone with eligible qualifications (i.e. license/federal permit) to receive a temporary transfer of a permit
 - Suggestion from 2/8/13 meeting: Allow one transfer and any additional transfers would need approval from the Director of Fisheries Service - **Decision March Meeting**
- **Do you want to allow permanent permit transfers?**
 - Allows anyone with eligible qualifications (i.e. license/federal permit) to receive a permanent transfer of a permit.
 - **Suggestion from 2/8/13 meeting – only in the case of death - Decision March Meeting**





Review of Use it or Loose it

Is this desirable to the workgroup? - **Decision March Meeting**

Implementation Options:

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


