

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Spiny Dogfish Industry Meeting



Workgroup Meeting

April 2013

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



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Announcements
- Background
- Recommendations from the Workgroup
- What we plan to propose
- Other Business / Public Comment / Adjourn

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

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
- ✓ Cost recovery and enforcement

Next Steps:

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What we heard

- ✓ Who is included?
- ✓ What are the requirements to keep a permit?
- ✓ Process: Declarations, Permits, & Transfers
- ✓ Cost recovery and enforcement

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What are the qualifications?

- ✓ Own a vessel
- ✓ Vessel landings of at least 1,000 lbs cumulative between May 1, 2004 through March 8, 2013
- ✓ You can only qualify once – if you transfer or lose your permit, you cannot qualify again

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What are the requirements to keep the permit?

- ✓ Declaration by March 31st
 - ✓ Failure to declare 2 years in a row would result in dissolution of permit
 - ✓ Allow for late declaration by appeal to Director within 2 weeks of close of declaration period

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What are the requirements to keep the permit?

- ✓ Proof of Ownership of vessel
 - ✓ First year provide Bill of Sale or
 - ✓ Provide Company By-Laws indicating at least 1% share of ownership in company, including vessel
 - ✓ Change in vessel ownership must be reported to Dept

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What are the requirements to keep the permit?

- ✓ Use it or Lose it
 - ✓ Permit dissolution if failure to harvest 10,000 lbs during a 2-year period

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What does the permit let you do?

- ✓ Catch or land one vessel trip limit of spiny dogfish per vessel
- ✓ Permittee may have up to 2 permits, each permit must be associate with a separate vessel
- ✓ Allows an operator
 - ✓ Operators are only allowed to go out on declared vessel
- ✓ Permittee's landings must be landed from a vessel, no harvest from shore

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What about transfers?

- ✓ No Temporary Transfers
- ✓ Permanent Transfers:
 - ✓ To transfer between November 1, 2013 and November 1, 2016 must first land 20,000lbs. The landings must occur on the vessel that qualified for the fishery.
 - ✓ After November 1, 2016 you may permanently transfer without a specified landings history.
 - ✓ Permanent transfer outside of standard rules should be allowed in extreme hardship cases

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

What about bycatch? Reporting?

- ✓ Allow vessel trip limit bycatch of 1,000lbs with flexibility for in-season adjustment
- ✓ Spiny dogfish shall be sold only to federally permitted dealers

What we heard

Wanted: A limited entry permit!

Agreements not in regulation

- ✓ The state will consult with the SDWG about implementation of a lottery to add permits when permits hit a minimum threshold of 20. Could possibly add up to 5. Lottery entrants with bycatch history would receive preference.
- ✓ Annual check in/review with SDWG.



What we are proposing

A limited entry permit



Other Business

- Public Comment
- Adjourn