Spiny Dogfish Work Group March 8, 2013 Meeting Follow-up



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Qualifications

- Owns a vessel this requirement will exclude some people from obtaining this permit.
- Vessel landings of at least 1,000 lbs from May 2004 March 8, 2013 (cumulative) for all gears - Motion Approved 3/8/13

Gear	# Vessels	# Vessels	T.1.1
	Qualify	Not Qualify	Total
Other	29	5	34
Trawl	7	0	7
Total	36	5	41

MANAGE STREET



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Qualifications

 Also, if an individual that qualified gets rid of their permit (doesn't declare, sells, fails to harvest) they cannot use historical landings to qualify for another permit. Permit would have to come through some form of permanent transfer (later slides).

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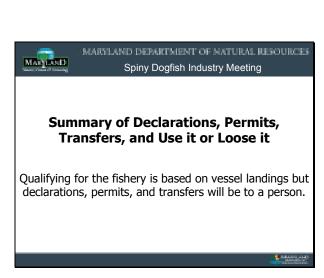
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Summary of Public Comments on Qualifications

- 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.

Name of Street





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Declarations

- Due Date: March 31st Agreed 2/8/13
 - Must declare even if you are not going to fish.
 - Current forms have a check box to indicate if you are not going to fish.
- Required Information

 - License Number/TypeVessel, Vessel Registration/Documentation Number
 - Federal Permit Number (if applicable)

Proof of Ownership

- Bill of Sale -1st year
- Company By-Laws indicating at least 1% share of ownership in company to include vessel(s) -1st year

 Any change in vessel ownership shall be reported to the Department so that a revised permit card may be issued. (COMAR 08.02.05.21)



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Declarations

· Failure to declare

- Failing to declare for 2 years would result in loss of permit. Motion Approved 3/8/13
- What happens to permit after failing to declare for 2 years? **Permit is gone. Motion Approved 3/8/13**
- Is there a minimum number of permits? Yes, 20 Motion **Approved 3/8/13**
 - The State (Fisheries Service) will investigate implementing a lottery when permits hit the minimum threshold which will add 10 vessels back into the fishery for a total of 30 permits. Motion Approved 3/8/13 – would entrants in lottery need bycatch harvest history? Discussion and Motion



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Declarations

Late Declarations

- Subject to review by the Director of Fisheries Service.
- A written letter of explanation physical or mental in capacity – that prevented declaration within 2 weeks of close of declaration period.

Contract Address



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Permits

• Declared Vessels

- Allow operator(s) Agreed 2/8/13
 - Operators are not allowed to go out on an undeclared vessel.
 - Ex: text based on COMAR 08.02.05.21
 - An operator means an individual who is not a permittee and acts as an agent of a permittee.
 - The name of the vessel on which the operator is working shall be declared on the <u>Maryland Spiny Dogfish</u> landing permit.
 - (c) An operator may catch, possess, or land <u>Maryland Spiny Dogfish</u> for commercial purposes on a vessel owned by a permittee and in possession of that permittee's permit.

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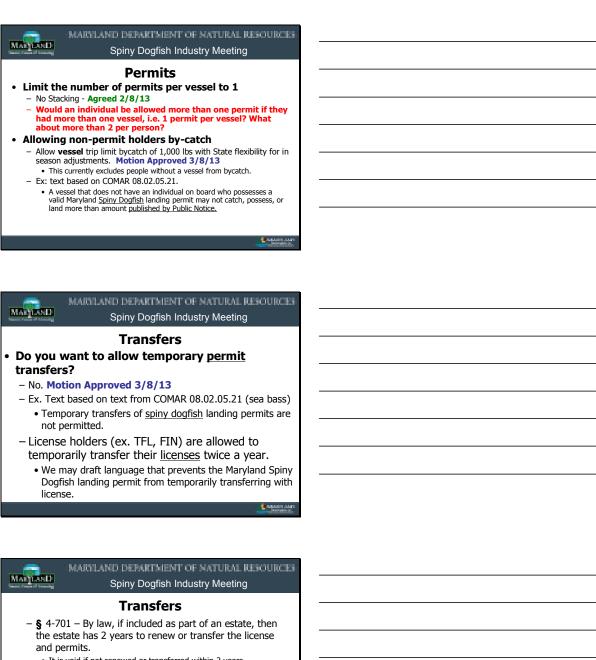
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Permits

Declared Vessels

- Allow an individual to catch vessel trip limit on an undeclared vessel as long as the permittee is in possession of the permit
 - Covers emergencies such as mechanical or medical trouble - Agreed 2/8/13
 - Already have regulations like this for summer flounder & black sea bass
 - Ex: text from COMAR 08.02.05.21 A permittee may catch, possess, or land <u>Spiny Dogfish</u> for commercial purposes on a vessel other than the vessel declared on the permittee's permit if in possession of the permit issued to the permittee, and the undeclared vessel is permitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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- It is void if not renewed or transferred within 2 years.
- The person receiving the transfer will need to meet qualifications.
- Cannot have held a Maryland Spiny Dogfish landing permit within the past two years of this transfer.
- Does this person or transferee need a vessel with landings history? Can we assume that the transferee would receive/ inherit the deceased's vessel that qualified?
 - If not, what happens years from now when lottery permittees enter, die, and there are no landings within the control dates?

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