

## Spiny Dogfish Workgroup Meeting Summary 5/27/2015

Attendance: Merrill Campbell, Ed Lynch, Shah Amir, Kirk Stewart, Jeff Eustler

Absent: Sonny Gwinn and Roger Wooleyhan

### Motions:

1. Motion to eliminate permit cards was unanimously approved. They did not indicate a preference to eliminate these on January 1 or the following season.
2. Motion to increase the vessel trip limit to 10,000 lbs by November 1<sup>st</sup> was unanimously approved. Roger wanted this too according to Merrill who talked with him on the phone.
3. New entrants motion: If someone owns an Atlantic Striped Bass Permit, then they can have a larger vessel trip limit up to 5,000 lbs. 4 support, 1 against. Justification for 1 against – because he doesn't have a good feeling. Supporters – these folks are already targeting a species that are caught with spiny dogfish and it will help catch the quota. This could possibly reduce dead discards of spiny dogfish.
4. Eligibility: Motion to change the 2 year, 10,000 pound harvest requirement to 3 years, 15,000 lbs for all current permit holders. Unanimous. Justification – harsh winters, market lost, fuel costs, fish mostly in federal waters 2014/2015, price was \$0.14-17.