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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Shark Management Board  
**FROM:** Robert Beal, Director, ISFMP *REB*  
**SUBJECT:** 2010/2011 Spiny Dogfish Preliminary Regional Quotas

The 2010/2011 preliminary regional spiny dogfish quotas, adjusted for overages, are 8,272,448 pounds available to states in the northern region (Maine – Connecticut), 3,661,609 pounds available to states in the southern region (New York – Virginia), and 2,469,499 pounds available to North Carolina. The quota is available for harvest between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. States may set trip limits up to 3,000 lbs for this fishing season.

The Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Sharks Management Board set the 2010/2011 annual quota at 15,000,000 pounds with trip limits up to 3,000 pounds in February 2010. Addendum II to the Spiny Dogfish FMP allocates the annual quota regionally, with 58% to states from Maine – Connecticut, 26% to states from New York – Virginia, and 16% to North Carolina, and requires that overages are paid back the following fishing season by region. In addition, the FMP allows up to 5% of unused quota to be rolled over into the following fishing season.

	Allocation	2010/2011 Quota	2009/2010 Overage	2010/2011 Adjusted Quota
Northern	58%	8,700,000	427,552	8,272,448
Southern	26%	3,900,000	238,392	3,661,609
North Carolina	16%	2,400,000	-69,499	2,469,499

Adjusted quotas were calculated using preliminary SAFIS landings and North Carolina quota monitoring log books. Regional quotas may be modified slightly to reflect final landings when the preliminary landings are finalized. Overages from the 2009/2010 fishing season were primarily the result of late reports and an increased rate of landings at the end of the season. North Carolina landings were 69,499 pounds (4.1%) less than their 2009/2010 allocation. As such, the full 69,499 pound underage has been added to the preliminary North Carolina quota for the 2010/2011 fishing season. The final 2010/2011 quotas may be adjusted as the final 2009/2010 data becomes available.

Please feel free to contact me, or Christopher Vonderweidt for assistance (202-289-6400; rbeal@asmfc.org or cvonderweidt@asmfc.org).

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