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MEMORANDUM

TO: Spiny Dogfish Industry

FROM: Jack Travelstead,
Deputy Commissioner / Chief, Fisheries Management

SUBJECT: Southern Region Spiny Dogfish Fishery Closed

Effective 12:01 A.M. (EST) on Friday, March 25, 2011, the Virginia spiny dogfish fishery will close. As required by the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan commercial landing, harvest, and possession of spiny dogfish in state waters, until May 1, 2011, will be prohibited.

For more details, please see the enclosed memorandum from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2011

TO: Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board
FROM: Robert Beal, ISFMP Director *REB*
SUBJECT: Southern Region Spiny Dogfish Fishery Closed

This memorandum is to inform the states that the 2010/2011 southern region quota for spiny dogfish is projected to be harvested by Friday, March 25, 2011.

Therefore, in accordance with Addendum II to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Spiny Dogfish, **effective 0001 hours on March 25, 2011, the States of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia are required to close their commercial spiny dogfish fisheries.** Addendum II requires states to prohibit commercial landing, harvest, and possession of spiny dogfish when the quota in their region is projected to be harvested. States in the southern region may re-open their spiny dogfish fisheries no earlier than 0001 hours on May 1, 2011 when the 2011/2012 fishing season begins.

The states in the northern region (Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut) were required to close their fisheries on August 25, 2010 when the northern region quota was projected to be landed.

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