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MEMORANDUM

February 20, 2007

TO: Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Shark Management Board
FROM: Robert Beal, Director, ISFMP
SUBJECT: Closure of 2006/2007 Dogfish Fishery

This memorandum is to inform the states that the 2006/2007 interstate quota for spiny dogfish is projected to have been harvested. Therefore, in accordance with section 4.1.2.2 of the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Spiny Dogfish (FMP), **effective 0001 hours on February 24, 2007, the spiny dogfish fishery is closed.** As required by the FMP the states must prohibit commercial landing, harvest, and possession of spiny dogfish in state waters for the remainder of the fishing season. States may re-open their spiny dogfish fishery no earlier than 0001 hours on May 1, 2007, the beginning of the 2007/2008 fishing year.

Feel free to email or call me, or Chris Vonderweidt (cvonderweidt@asmfc.org) with any questions.

CC: Spiny Dogfish Technical Committee
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