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TO: Spiny Dogfish Industry

FROM: Joseph D. Grist
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RE: Spiny Dogfish Fishery Closed in Federal Waters and in All Waters to Vessels
Issued Federal Permits

Effective 0001 hours, August 26, 2011, the fishery for spiny dogfish in federal waters (Exclusive Economic Zone from 3 to 200 miles offshore) is closed. Vessels issued Federal permits for spiny dogfish may not fish for, possess, transfer, or land any spiny dogfish until 0001, November 1, 2011, from federal waters, at which time the Period 2 quota for the 2011 fishing year becomes available. This means vessel issued Federal permits may not fish for, possess, transfer, or land spiny dogfish, whether caught in state or Federal waters until 0001, November 1, 2011.

However, the spiny dogfish fishery within Virginia state waters remains open. Harvesters possessing a Virginia Spiny Dogfish Limited Entry Permit, and not included in the federal vessel permit restrictions, may continue to harvest spiny dogfish with the following provisions:

- It shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess aboard any vessel or land in Virginia more than 3,000 pounds of spiny dogfish per day for commercial purposes.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest any spiny dogfish for commercial purposes from state waters after it has been announced that the state quota for spiny dogfish has been taken.
- All spiny dogfish harvested from state waters or federal waters, for commercial purposes, must be sold to a federally permitted dealer.
- It shall be unlawful for any buyer of seafood to receive any spiny dogfish after any commercial harvest or landing quota described in this section has been attained and announced as such.

If you have questions or comments contact Joe Grist at (757) 247-2237.

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2011 PERIOD 1 SPINY DOGFISH CLOSURE

Dear Spiny Dogfish Permit Holder:

The 2011 Period 1 quota for spiny dogfish fishery has been harvested. Effective August 26, 2011, the fishery for spiny dogfish is closed. You may not fish for, possess, transfer, or land any spiny dogfish in state or Federal waters until November 1, 2011, when Period 2 quota becomes available.

You may also receive permit holder letters, including closure notices, by e-mail by clicking on "Permit Holder Letters" on our website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. This notice has been approved by the Regional Administrator.

