



Draft Addendum VII for Board Review



Spiny Dogfish Management Board
October 2024

Draft Addendum VII Timeline



August 2024	Spiny Dogfish Board Tasks Staff to Develop Draft Addendum VII
August – October 2024	Staff Develops Draft Addendum VII for Board Review
October 2024	Spiny Dogfish Board Reviews Draft Addendum VII and Considers Its Approval for Public Comment
November 2024 – January 2025	Board Solicits Public Comment and States Conduct Public Hearings
February 2025	Board Reviews Public Comment, Selects Management Options and Considers Final Approval of Addendum VII
TBD	Provisions of Addendum VII are Implemented

Background



- Proposed rule published by NOAA Fisheries in August 2024
 - Area-based gear requirements include both federal and state waters
- FMP strives for complementary management of spiny dogfish in federal and state waters
- Final Rule and 30-day implementation period expected by end of 2024

No Overnight Soaks (8pm-5am) for Federal Spiny Dogfish Permit Holders

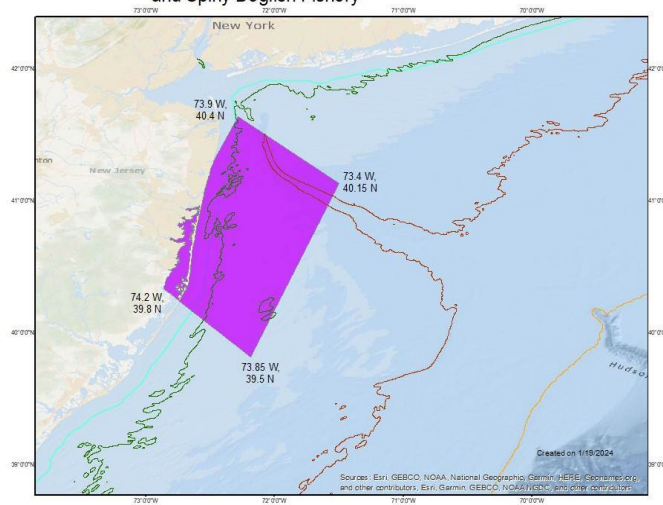
Area

NJ

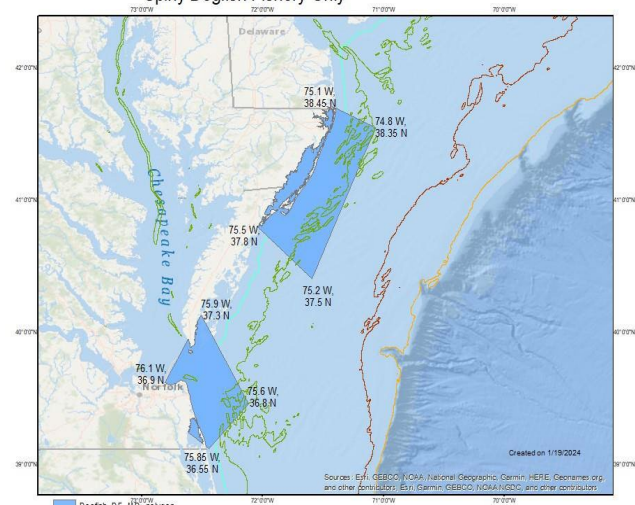
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Range of Affected Areas

New Jersey Bycatch Hotspot Polygon - Monkfish Fishery and Spiny Dogfish Fishery



Delaware, Maryland, Virginia Bycatch Hotspot Polygons - Spiny Dogfish Fishery Only



Time of Year

May and November

November-March

Mesh Size

5-10"

5.25-10"

State Permitting Structures



State	Permits that May Land Spiny Dogfish	Number of Permittees that use Gillnets	Other Gillnet Species in Permit
NJ	Gillnet	585	Shark, Large Skate, Smooth Dogfish, Bluefish
MD	Finfish (1,000 lb trip limit)	Unknown	Bluefish
	Striped Bass (2,500 lb trip limit)	52	Striped Bass
	Spiny Dogfish (10,000 lb trip limit)	25	N/A
VA	Spiny Dogfish	75	N/A

Option 1



Status Quo: All gillnet harvesters of spiny dogfish that do not possess a federal spiny dogfish permit and only harvest in state waters may continue to soak nets overnight in the state waters portion of the bycatch reduction areas.

Option 2



New Jersey

No action required.

Maryland and Virginia

Prohibit overnight soaks (8pm-5am) of roundfish gillnets of mesh size between 5.25-10" from November through March for spiny dogfish permit holders within the Bycatch Reduction Areas.

Option 3



New Jersey

Prohibit harvest or possession of spiny dogfish caught using roundfish gillnets of mesh size between 5-10 inches that were left in the water for any portion of the time period between 8:00 p.m. ET each day and 5:00 a.m. ET the following day from May 1 through May 31 and November 1 through November 30 within the New Jersey Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Reduction Area.

Maryland and Virginia

Prohibit harvest or possession of spiny dogfish caught using roundfish gillnets of mesh size between 5.25-10" that were left in the water for any portion of the time period between 8:00 p.m. ET each day and 5:00 a.m. ET the following day from November through March within the Delaware and Maryland, and Virginia Bycatch Reduction Areas.

LEC Comments



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Board Actions to Consider



- Consider approving Addendum VII for public comment, as modified today.



Questions?



2024/2025 Revised Federal Quota



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Background



- June 2024: Board approves quota of 11,331,747 pounds
- Finalized catch data indicated a 1,082,487 pound overage of the 2023/2024 ACL, due to higher discards
- September 2024: NOAA Fisheries extends emergency action of 2024/2025 commercial quota, also includes the 2023/2024 overage payback applied to 2024/2025 quota
- New federal commercial quota = 10,249,260 pounds

Rollover Provision



- All states/jurisdictions except NY and NJ requested to utilize rollover provision.
- Rollover Added Quota = 538,467 pounds (600,649 pounds if include NY/NJ)
- Current difference between state and federal quota with rollover = 1,620,954 pounds
- Difference between state and federal quota if adjust = 538,467 pounds

Implications



- If states are projected to harvest over federal quota, then federal waters are closed and current federal permit holders cannot land dogfish.
- Any catch over the federal ACL would be deducted from a future fishing year.

Board Action to Consider



- Consider revising FY 2024/2025 quota to 10,249,260 pounds.
 - Requires 2/3 majority



Questions?

Current State Coastwide Quota



	Northern Region (ME-CT)	NY	NJ	DE	MD	VA	NC
Possession Limit	7,500	To be specified by the individual southern region states					
Allocation	58%	2.71%	7.64%	0.90%	5.92%	10.80%	14.04%
Initial 2024/2025 Allocation	6,572,413	306,840	866,273	101,537	670,843	1,223,286	1,590,554
5% Rollover	198,376	N/A	N/A	5,382	35,559	249,841	49,309
Rollover Adjusted 2024/2025 Quota	6,770,790	N/A	N/A	106,919	706,401	1,473,128	1,639,863

If Adopt New Federal Quota



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Possession Limit	7,500	To be specified by the individual southern region states					
Allocation	58%	2.71%	7.64%	0.90%	5.92%	10.80%	14.04%
Initial 2024/2025 Allocation	5,944,571	277,529	783,521	91,837	606,759	1,106,430	1,438,614
5% Rollover	198,376	N/A	N/A	5,382	35,559	249,841	49,309
Rollover Adjusted 2024/2025 Quota	6,142,947	N/A	N/A	97,220	642,318	1,356,271	1,487,922