



Draft Addendum VII for Public Comment



December 2024

Overview of Hearing



- Overview of ASMFC
- Timeline of Addendum
- Objectives and Proposed Management Options
- Questions
- Public Comment

ASMFC Overview



- Comprised of 15 Atlantic coast states
 - ME-NC participate in mgmt. of spiny dogfish
- Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Mgmt. Act
 - Regulatory authority in state waters
- Quarterly Board Meetings
 - One state, three commissioners, one vote
- Joint federal management between MAFMC and NEFMC

Vision Statement: Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

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 published December 18, 2024.
 - Implementation May 1, 2025

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

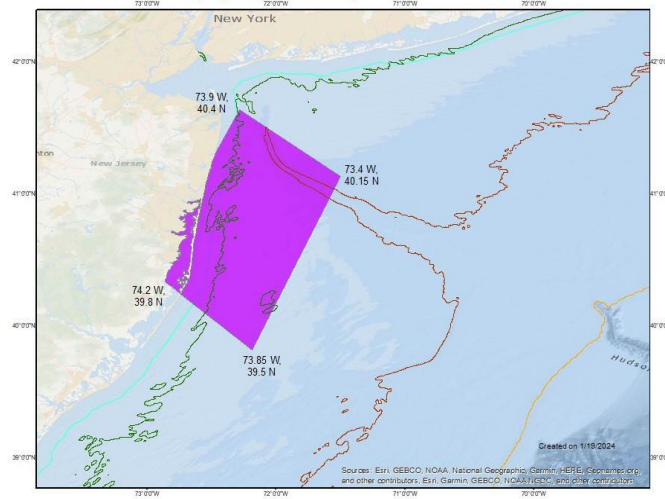
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NJ

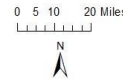
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Range of
Affected Areas

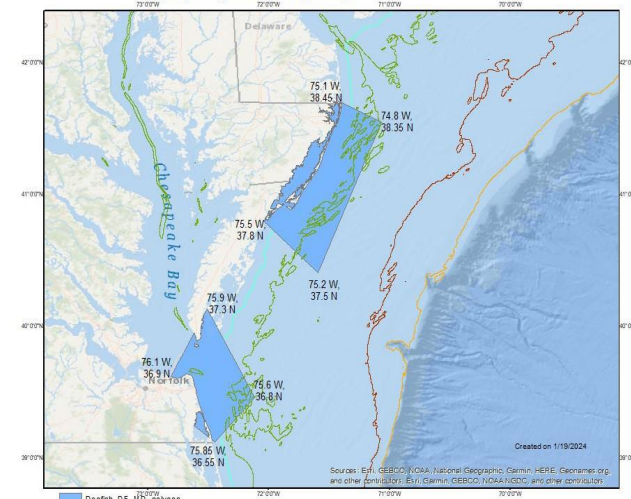
New Jersey Bycatch Hotspot Polygon - Monkfish Fishery and Spiny Dogfish Fishery



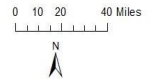
■ Monkfish & Dogfish_NJ_polygon
— 3 nm (state waters)
— 20 meter depth contour
— 50 meter depth contour
— 100 meter depth contour



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



■ Dogfish_DE_MD_polygon
■ Dogfish_SouthernVA_polygon
— 3 nm (state waters)
— 20 meter depth contour
— 50 meter depth contour
— 100 meter depth contour



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



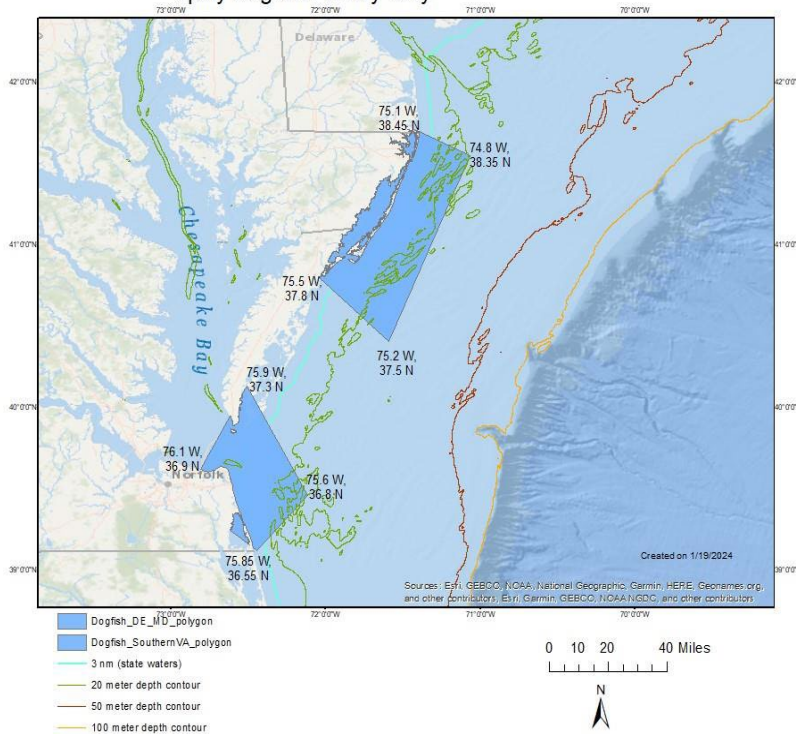
Status Quo: All gillnet harvesters of spiny dogfish that do not possess a federal spiny dogfish permit and only harvest in state waters may continue to soak nets overnight in the state waters portion of the bycatch reduction areas.

Option 2



Delaware/Maryland and Virginia Areas

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



November-March

5.25-10" mesh size

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.

New Jersey

No action required.

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

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No Harvest or Possession from Overnight Soaks (8pm-5am)

Area

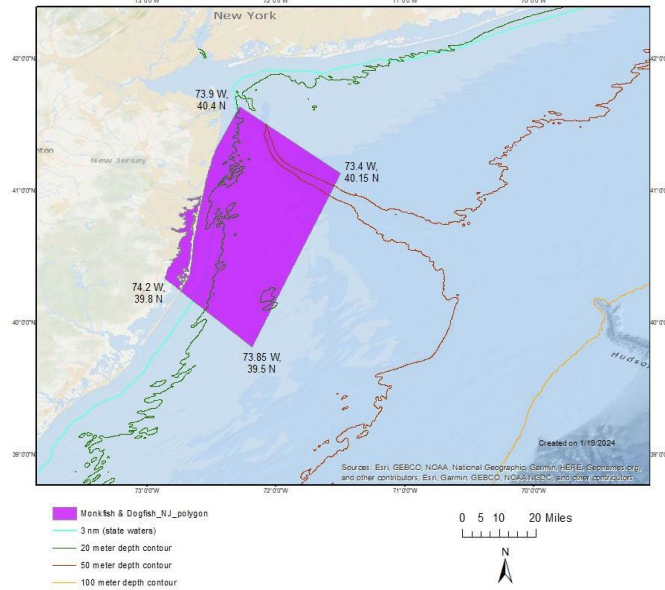
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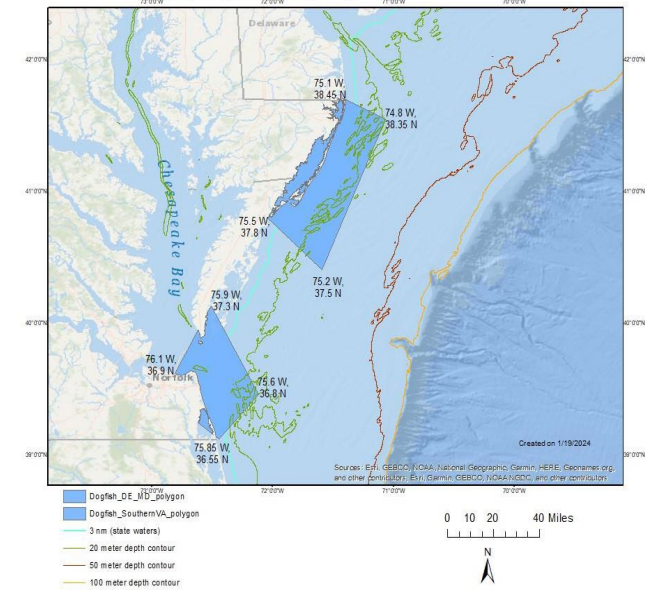
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Delaware, Maryland, Virginia Bycatch Hotspot Polygons - Spiny Dogfish Fishery Only



May and November

November-March

5-10"

5.25-10"

Submit Written Comments to:



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**Deadline for Public Comments is 11:59 PM,
January 3, 2025**

Providing Comments



- Please give your **name, state, and affiliations**
- Then give your comments:
 - Which proposed option do you prefer?
 - Why do you support this option?
 - Is there any additional information you think should be considered?



**For more information on
Spiny Dogfish Draft Addendum VII, please visit
www.asmfc.org/about-us/public-input**

Attend a Public Hearing



Date and Hearing Format	State/Agency	Contact
Wednesday, December 11 Webinar Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	All States Welcome	James Boyle 703.842.0740
Tuesday, December 17 Webinar Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection	Joe Cimino, 609.748.2063
Wednesday, December 18 Webinar Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources & Virginia Marine Resources Commission	Michael Luisi (MD) 443.758.6547 Pat Geer (VA) 757.247.2236



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**Or contact James Boyle, FMP Coordinator,
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