

MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
 Doubletree Philadelphia Center City  
 October 6, 2015  
 SPINY DOGFISH MOTIONS AND SELECTED ALTERNATIVES

Move to set the 2016 ABC at 16,765 mt.  
 Nowalsky/King (18/6/0)  
 Motion carries

Move to accept the other management measures defined in table 1 of the staff memo from J. Didden to Dr. Chris Moore.  
 O'Reilly/deFur (21/1/1)  
 Motion carries

**Table 1. MAFMC staff-recommended multi-year catch and landings limits for spiny dogfish for 2016-18**

Specifications	Basis	2016 (pounds)	2016 (mt)	2017 (pounds)	2017 (mt)	2018 (pounds)	2018 (mt)
<b>OFL</b>	Projected Catch at Fmsy	53,455,485	24,247	55,313,982	25,090	56,824,148	25,775
<b>ABC</b>	Council Risk Policy	36,960,498	16,765	36,433,593	16,526	36,676,102	16,636
<b>Canadian Landings</b>	= avg last 3 years (10,11,12)	143,300	645	143,300	65	143,300	65
<b>Domestic ABC</b>	= ABC - Candadian Landings	36,817,198	16,700	36,290,293	16,461	36,532,801	16,571
<b>ACL</b>	= Domestic ABC	36,817,198	16,700	36,290,293	16,461	36,532,801	16,571
<b>Mgt Uncert. Buffer</b>	Avg. pct overage since 2011	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ACT</b>	= ACL - mgt uncertainty	36,817,198	16,700	36,290,293	16,461	36,532,801	16,571
<b>U.S. Discards</b>	= 3 year average (12,13,14)	11,494,167	5,214	11,494,167	5,214	11,494,167	5,214
<b>TAL</b>	ACT - Discards	25,323,030	11,486	24,796,126	11,247	25,038,634	11,357
<b>U.S. Rec Landings</b>	= 2014 Estimate	68,343	31	68,343	31	68,343	31
<b>Comm Quota</b>	TAL - REC Landings	25,254,687	11,455	24,727,782	11,216	24,970,291	11,326

Move to request an analysis to substitute that the catch limit for 2016 be based on a 3- year average of the mature female biomass for 2015, 2013, and 2012/2011 combined (average 184,000 mt.) and not based on a 2-year (2013 & 2015) average of 135,500 mt).

Pierce/DiLernia

Ruled out of order by chair

Move that the Council request that the SSC, with guidance from the NEFSC, determine the OFL and the ABC for 2016 using a 3-yr average of mature female biomass for 2015, 2013, and 2012/2011 combined and any other options that the SSC/Center consider appropriate.

Pierce/Batsavage (24/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to eliminate the federal trip limit.  
Hemilright/Luisi (7/15/1)  
Motion fails