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MEMORANDUM

TO: Spiny Dogfish Management Board
FROM: Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel
DATE: January 28, 2025
SUBJECT: Advisory Panel Review of Draft Addendum VII

The Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel (AP) met via webinar on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, to review the management options presented in Draft Addendum VII. Only two AP members were present. Comments and recommendations are summarized below.

AP Members in attendance: John Whiteside (MA), James Webber (RI)

ASMFC Staff: James Boyle

Other: Sonny Gwin, Angel Willey, Jenny Couture, Laura Deighan, Chris Batsavage, Ella Mack

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James Webber initially supported Option 1 on the call, but after discussions with spiny dogfish harvesters, he expressed the apparent need for sturgeon protection and **supported Option 2.**

Comments were made by Sonny Gwin regarding the potential negative impacts on Maryland harvesters that participate in both the striped bass and spiny dogfish fisheries and who begin harvesting in mid-March at the end of the proposed Maryland and Virginia overnight soak prohibition window. It was unknown whether these fishers possess a Maryland Spiny Dogfish Permit or whether they harvest spiny dogfish under the trip limit allowed under the Maryland Striped Bass Permit.

John Whiteside indicated that while he generally prefers that the Commission's FMP and the federal FMP align in complementary management, he was concerned about the potential impacts to the Maryland fishery described in the public comment and declined to offer support for any options.