

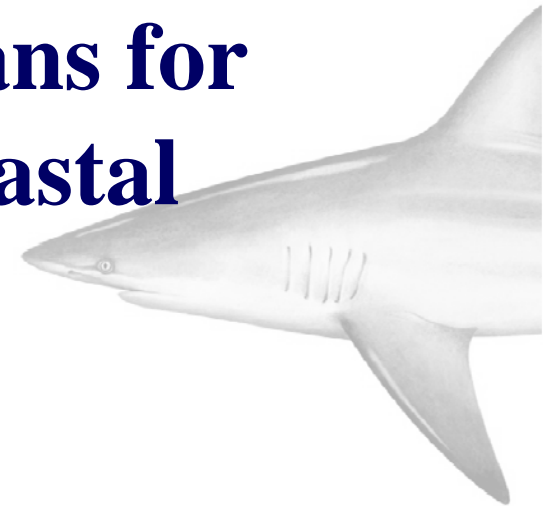


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# State Implementation Plans for Addendum II to the Coastal Sharks FMP



**Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board**  
**August 8, 2013**



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# Overview

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- **Addendum II was approved in May 2013, and will be implemented January 1, 2014**
  - **Fin-to-carcass ratio aspect could be implemented any time after May 21, 2013**
- **States submitted implementation plans by July 15, 2013 to meet the requirements of Addendum II**
- **PRT reviewed implementation plans and has the following recommendations**



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# Elements of Compliance

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- 1) Ability to implement and monitor a quota with the authority to close fishery if necessary**
- 2) Maximum fin-to-carcass ratio of 12-to-88**



## **Quota Monitoring and Possession Limits**



- **All states with a state-share except NJ and CT have or will have the ability to monitor and close smoothhound fishery by January 1, 2014**
- **New Jersey and Connecticut will wait until the coastwide quota is implemented**
  - **Both have the ability to respond quickly once the quota is implemented**
- **States are waiting until the coastwide quota is known to submit their possession limits**



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## States with No Allocation

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- **Georgia, Florida and New Hampshire do not have any allocation**
- **Requiring these states to prohibit landings of smoothhounds would be an unnecessary burden**
- **The PRT recommends that should any of these states harvest smoothhound sharks, they request a quota transfer from another state**



## Fin-to-Carcass Ratio



State	Fin-to-carcass Ratio
ME	fins naturally attached
NH	fins naturally attached
MA	fins naturally attached
RI	12-to-88
CT	5-to-95; dorsal attached
NY	fins naturally attached
NJ	12-to-88



## Fin-to-Carcass Ratio



State	Fin-to-Carcass Ratio
DE	8-to-92 for dorsal/pectoral; 4-to-96 for caudal fin set
MD	8-to-92 for dorsal/pectoral; 4-to-96 for caudal fin set
VA	12-to-88
NC	12-to-88
SC	fins naturally attached
GA	fins naturally attached
FL	fins naturally attached



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## Maine's *de minimis* request

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- **Maine requested *de minimis* for Addendum II**
- **Allocated 0.02% of the coastwide quota**
- **Smoothhound sharks rarely occur in Maine waters**
- **PRT and TC recommend granting *de minimis* with the provision that should Maine exceed its allocation in any year, the state will put a mechanism in place to close the fishery**





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# General Recommendations

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- **Approve implementation plans for all states and confirm compliance when coastwide quota is implemented**
- **Approve Maine's *de minimis* request with the recommended provision (should Maine exceed its quota in any given year, the state would put in place regulations to enable closure of the fishery)**

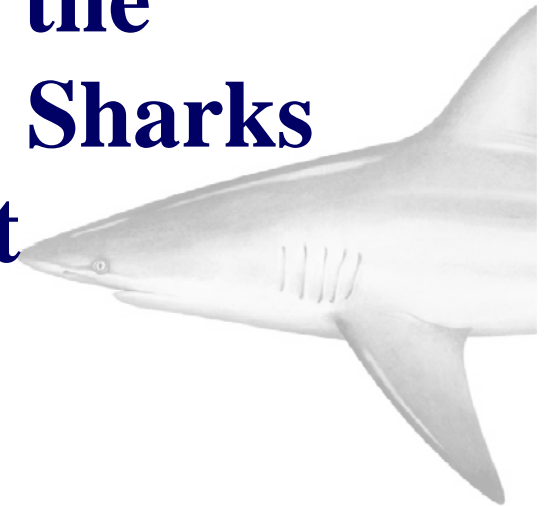


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# **Draft Addendum III to the Interstate FMP for Coastal Sharks for Public Comment Approval**



**Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board  
August 8, 2013**



# Addendum Development Process



**May 2013**

**Draft Addendum for Public Comment Developed**



**August 2013**

**Board Reviews Draft and Makes Any Necessary Changes**

**← Current step**



**TBD**

**Public Comment Period**



**TBD**

**Management Board Review, Selection of Management Measures and Final Approval**



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# 1.0 Introduction

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- **Highly Migratory Species Amendment 5a addressed recent stock assessment findings for scalloped hammerhead, blacknose and sandbar sharks**
- **Established new species groupings for hammerhead and blacknose sharks, and new commercial quotas and recreational size limit for all hammerhead sharks (effective July 3, 2013 and August 2, 2013, respectively)**



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## 2.1 Statement of the Problem

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- **Key goal of the Coastal Sharks FMP is to maintain consistency between NOAA Fisheries and the ISFMP**
- **The new species groups, quotas and recreational size limit result in inconsistencies**



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## 2.2 Background

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- **State waters follow federal waters for openings and closures in the Large Coastal Sharks and Small Coastal Sharks groups**
  - **When 80% of the quota is expected to be harvested, NOAA Fisheries closes fishery**
- **NOAA Fisheries removed hammerheads and blacknose sharks from their respective groups, and established new species groups and quotas**



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## 2.2 Background Continued

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- **Current recreational size limit for hammerheads is 54 inches FL**
- **Stock assessment found that female scalloped hammerhead sharks reach maturity at 78 inches FL**
  - **New size limit limits retention to mature individuals**



# **Issue 1: Establishing New Species Groups and Quota**



- **Option A. Status Quo**
  - **ASMFC will not change the species groupings in the ISFMP.**
- **Option B. Measures Consistent with HMS Amendment 5a.**





# **Amendment 5a Species Groupings and Linkages**



<b>Hammerhead</b>	<b>Aggregated LCS</b>
<b>scalloped hammerhead</b>	<b>bull</b>
<b>great hammerhead</b>	<b>lemon</b>
<b>smooth hammerhead</b>	<b>nurse</b>
	<b>silky</b>
	<b>spinner</b>
	<b>tiger</b>
	<b>Atlantic blacktip</b>



# **Amendment 5a Species Groupings and Linkages**



<b>Non-blacknose SCS</b>	<b>Blacknose</b>
<b>finetooth</b> <b>bonnethead</b> <b>Atlantic sharpnose</b>	<b>Atlantic blacknose</b>



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## Issue 2: Recreational Size Limits

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- **Option A: Status Quo.**
  - **ASMFC will not change the recreational size limit for hammerhead sharks.**
- **Option B: Measures Consistent with HMS Amendment 5a.**
  - **Smooth hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead and great hammerhead sharks will have a 78 inches FL recreational size limit. All other recreational measures will remain the same.**



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# Public Comments and Hearings

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- **If approved for public comment, states will be responsible for holding public hearings due to constraints in the budget**
  - **Staff will provide all materials necessary to the states that wish to hold public hearings**