

Spiny Dogfish Accountability Measures (AMs)

Framework 7 Proposed Rule

Spiny Dogfish Management Board
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What's Before the Board?

- NOAA Proposed Rule: October 2026

Public comments close November 12, 2026

- Changes to federal accountability measures (AMs)…
- Complementary Commission action?

How We Got Here

Late 2025	Councils adopted 2026–2027 specifications and AM changes
Feb. 2026	ASMFC adopted complementary 2026–2027 specifications
Oct. 2026	NMFS published Framework 7 proposed rule

Current Federal Accountability Measures

- Commercial fishery closes when coastwide quota reached
- Annual fishing year total catch compared with that year's ACL
- Full repayment of ACL overage in a subsequent year

Example: FY 2023 overage reduced FY 2024 quota by about 1.1 million pounds (10%)

Proposed: Three-Year Overage Evaluation

CURRENT

One year's catch compared with its ACL

PROPOSED

3-year average catch versus 3-year average ACL

- Total catch includes landings plus dead discards
- Averaging helps smooth year-to-year variability (discards!)

Proposed: Biomass-Based Payback

When the 3-year average catch exceeds the 3-year average ACL:

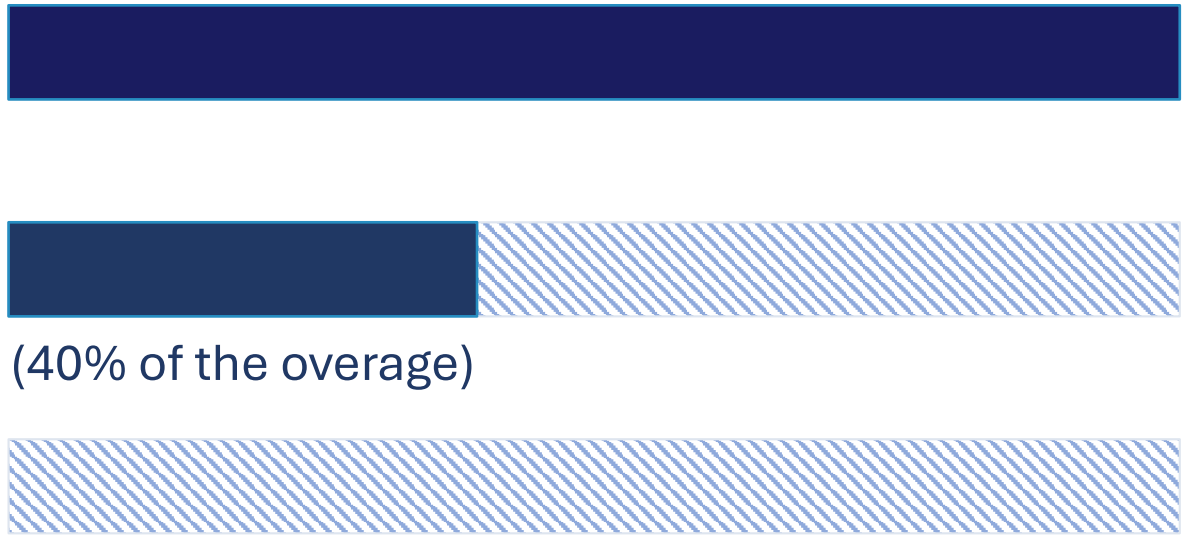
75% of target or less	75%–100% of target	100% of target or more
100% payback	**Scaled payback**	**No payback**

When in *rebuilding plan*: <u>full</u> payback regardless of biomass

How the Payback Scaling Works

Hypothetical **100-MT overage** after the three-year comparison*

Biomass	Paybacks
75% (or less) of biomass target	**100 MT**
90% of biomass target	**40 MT**
100% (or more) of biomass target	**0 MT**



(40% of the overage)

***If rebuilding*: full paybacks always**

What Would Not Change

- Federal closure remains at 100% of the commercial quota
- A 105% closure option was dropped in December 2025
- No changes to federal trip limits

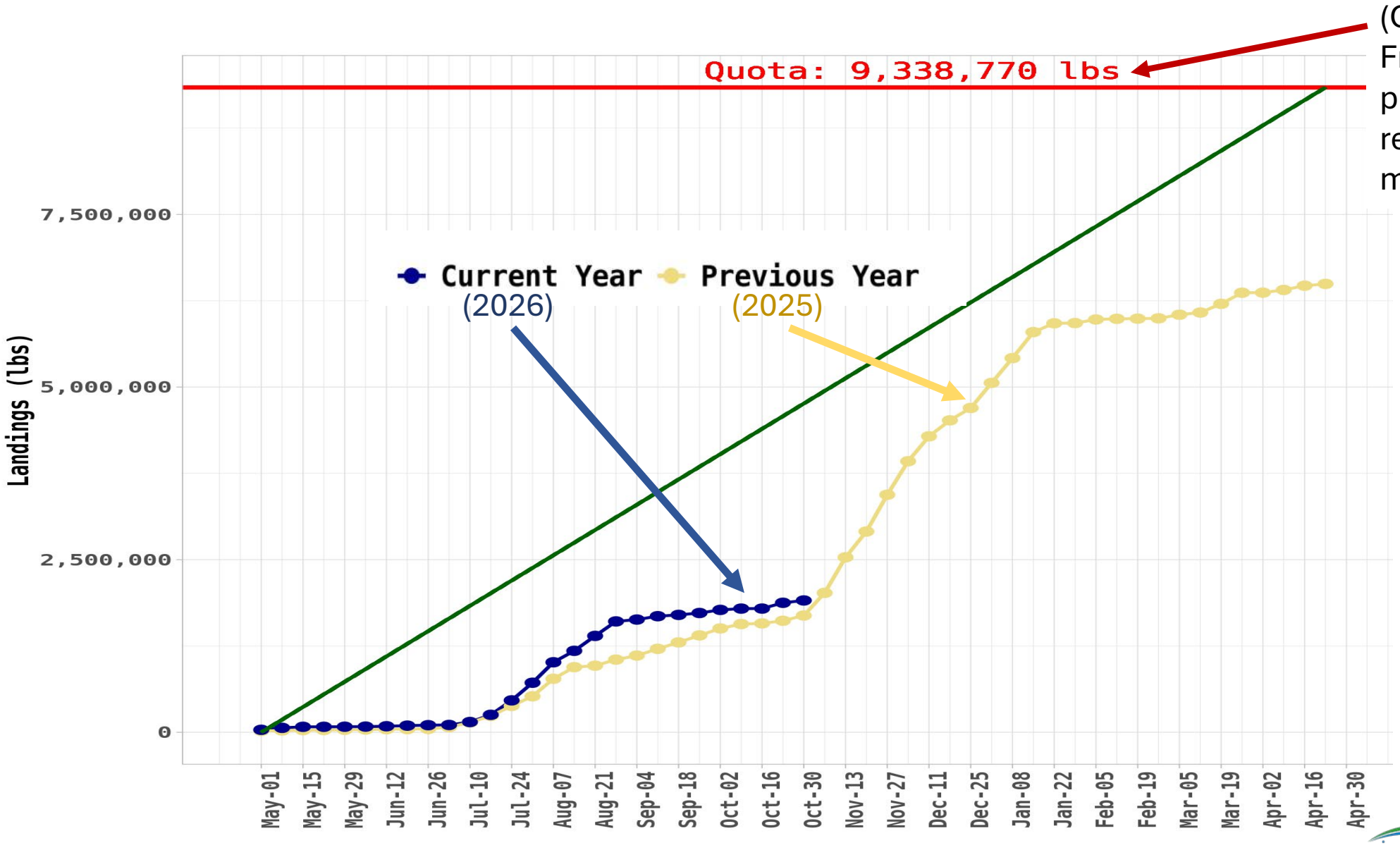
Also in the Rule: 2026–2027 Specifications

ABC	Commercial quota	Change from 2025
7,626 MT	**4,172 MT**	**–1.5%**
Same as 2025	~9.2 million lb	Commercial quota

- Lower quota reflects a higher discard set-aside
- ASMFC adopted complementary specifications in February 2026
- In October 2026 Council reviewed for 2027 – **no changes**

2026 Fishery To Date (and 2025)

(Current quota; Framework 7 proposes a reduction to 9.2 million lb.)



Next Steps

- Federal public comment deadline: November 12, 2026
- NMFS reviews comments, then finalizes rule

Questions (?) and Credits (!)

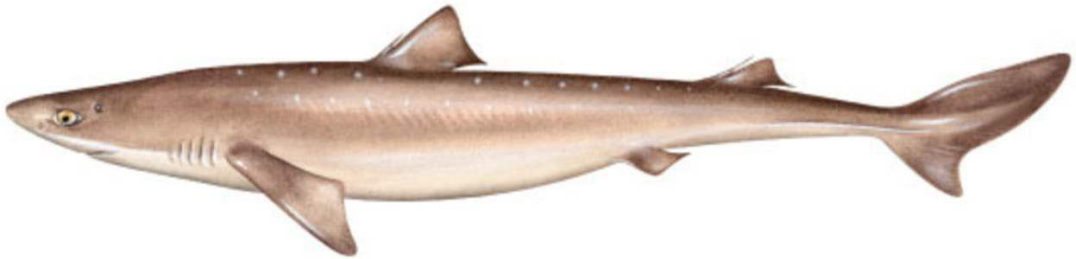
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  - The MAFMC's Spiny Dogfish Committee
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  - James Boyle (ASMFC)
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ISFMP Overage Paybacks

- When the quota allocated to a region or state is exceeded in a fishing season, the amount over the allocation will be deducted from the corresponding region or state in the subsequent fishing season.

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Scenarios

1. Stock at or above biomass target (current situation)
   - Commercial overages paid back by state/region in subsequent FY by ISFMP
2. Stock below biomass target
   - If overage due to only discards, reduction in quota by federal FMP
   - If overage due to commercial landings, paid back by state/region in subsequent FY by ISFMP and deducted from ACL by federal FMP

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Potential Actions

- No action
- Consider initiating addendum to incorporate provisions into ISFMP
  - 3-year averaging of landings and quotas
  - Scaled paybacks
- Other?

Questions?