

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Commercial Spiny Dogfish Landing Limits — Effective 5/1/2023

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the catch limits for the 2023 — 2024 commercial spiny dogfish fishery. Effective 12:01 a.m. May 1, 2023, the commercial catch limits of spiny dogfish are as follows:

1. For an individual licensed to catch finfish: 1,000 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters.
2. For an individual licensed to catch finfish and who possesses a Maryland striped bass permit that has been registered in the Atlantic Ocean fishery:
 - a. That does not currently hold a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 2,500 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters; or
 - b. That also holds a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 2,500 pounds per vessel per day regardless of whether the fish were caught from Maryland waters and/or federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone.
3. For an individual licensed to catch finfish and who possesses a Maryland spiny dogfish landing permit:
 - a. That does not currently hold a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: 10,000 pounds per vessel per day caught from Maryland waters; or
 - b. That also holds a federal spiny dogfish permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service: may not exceed the federal trip limit as established at 50 CFR 648, regardless of whether the fish were caught from Maryland waters and/or federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Spiny Dogfish.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who catch spiny dogfish commercially.

AUTHORITY

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