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January 3, 2012

Dear New Jersey Federal Spiny Dogfish Dealer:

As determined by New Jersey's commercial spiny dogfish landing records, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anticipates the New Jersey 2011/2012 fishing year (May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2012) quota of approximately 1,528,800 pounds as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for spiny dogfish will be landed by Saturday, January 7, 2012. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(g), the New Jersey 2011/2012 fishing season will be closed as of 11:59 PM (Saturday), January 7, 2012.

Effective 12:00 AM, January 8, 2012 no vessel shall land or possess nor shall any federally permitted spiny dogfish dealer in New Jersey accept any spiny dogfish harvested in either Federal or State waters.

The 2012/2013 spiny dogfish season (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013) will re-open on May 1, 2012. The 2012/2013 quota and trip limits have not been finalized at this time, however, recommendations so far suggest an increase in both the quota and daily trip limits when compared to the 2011/2012 fishing year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Chanda".

David Chanda
Director

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