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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** November 14, 2023  
**To:** Spiny Dogfish Committee  
**From:** J. Didden, Staff  
**Subject:** 2024-2026 Spiny Dogfish Specifications

Materials for the November 17, 2023 Spiny Dogfish Committee meeting are posted at <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2023/nov-17/spiny-dogfish-cmte>.

The charges to the Committee in the Spiny Dogfish regulations are to review the Monitoring Committee recommendations (posted) and any public comments and then to make recommendations to the Councils to ensure that the Annual Catch Limits will not be exceeded.

The key specifications generally addressed by the Committee include:

- Deduction for Canadian landings
- Deduction for management uncertainty buffer
- Deduction for discards
- Deduction for recreational landings

These deductions from the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) provided by the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) result in the annual commercial quota. The Monitoring Committee summary contains recommendations regarding the above deductions, although there was no consensus on the management uncertainty buffer or discards.