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## U.S. Atlantic Spiny Dogfish and Winter Skate, Scope Extension for Little Skate Marine Stewardship Council Certification

## **Final Report and Determination**

Certification Body: MRAG Americas, Inc.

August 4, 2020

Following a 30-day review period of the Public Comment Draft Report, MRAG Americas announces the release of the Final Report and Determination for the U.S. Atlantic spiny dogfish and winter skate, scope extension for little skate fishery. The MRAG Americas assessment team has recommended that the fishery meets the requirements for a well-managed and sustainable fishery. **Please note this decision is a determination and not the final certification result.** The report is available at the MSC website

https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/us-atlantic-spiny-dogfish-and-winter-skate/@@view.

The MSC requires a 15 working-day objection period for previously involved stakeholders who disagree with the determination to file an objection to the determination conclusion. Stakeholders may find the MSC Objections Procedure on the MSC's website: <a href="https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment">https://www.msc.org/what-you-can-do/engage-with-a-fishery-assessment</a>

Stakeholders may submit a written statement of intent to lodge an objection, using the MSC Notice of Objection form to Ms. Amanda Stern-Pirlot, and copied to the MSC Executive (objections@msc.org), no later than 5pm UTC on August 25, 2020 at the following:

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