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Subject: Re: letter regarding the proposed 2/3 cut to the dogfish quota

John – Thank you for your letter - I understand your concerns. However, I continue to support the staff recommendation for the 2023 Spiny Dogfish ABC. After receiving your letter, staff examined trends in observer data in an effort to provide additional information on spiny dogfish abundance. Although preliminary, it appears to reinforce staff's perspective of dogfish abundance. A summary of that analysis is attached for your review. The analysis and your letter will be provided to the SSC and Council as well. Please contact me or Jason if you have any questions. C

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