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RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO GO OUT OF COMPLAINE TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ACCESS TO THE SPINY DOGFISH FISHERY

WHEREAS, By resolution dated July 21st, 2008, the Dare County Board of Commissioners requested that the Governor direct the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to immediately request the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) to allocate a 1.3 million pound annual spiny dogfish quota specifically to North Carolina for the fishing season 2008-2009; and

WHEREAS, It does not appear that ASMFC is willing or is able to allocate North Carolina's fair share of the spiny dogfish quota specifically to North Carolina fishermen as requested for the 2008-2009 fishing season; and

WHEREAS, Without a direct allocation to the State of North Carolina of 1.3 million pounds of the dogfish quota (15%) for the fishing year of 2008-2009, North Carolina will not be guaranteed a dogfish fishery because the full east coast 8 million pound quota is likely to be harvested by fishermen in other states and the fishing season thereby shortened in North Carolina once again; and

WHEREAS, Because of the significant economic benefits to coastal fishing counties and the State of North Carolina, the allocation of the 1.3 million pound quota to North Carolina should be accomplished as soon as possible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission fails to specifically allocate to North Carolina 1.3 million pounds of the spiny dogfish quota for the 2008-2009 season, the Dare County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission authorize the Director of the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries authorize fishermen in North Carolina to go out of compliance with the ASMFC spiny dogfish quota regulations and that they then be authorized to land up to 1.3 million pounds of spiny dogfish during the 2008-2009 spiny dogfish fishing season.

This the 2nd day of September, 2008

DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

Attest: _____, Deputy Clerk

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