



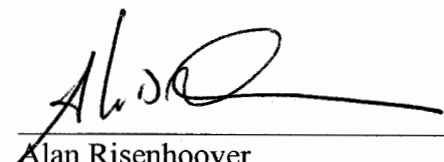
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**THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF
THE LARGE COASTAL SHARK FINAL STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORT**

NMFS announces the availability of the large coastal shark (LCS) final stock assessment report, prepared by the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC). This assessment was conducted in a manner similar to the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. The final stock assessment report includes a copy of the recently completed review panel consensus summary, as well as copies of the data and assessment workshop reports. These reports summarize the relevant working documents, describe the models and methods used at each workshop, list research recommendations, and summarize stakeholder opinion for each of the stocks assessed.

Copies of the assessment can be obtained from the HMS Management Division by contacting Sarah McTee at (301) 713-2347. An electronic version is also available on the SEFSC SEDAR website at: <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/Index.jsp>. For more information on the methods, data, and results of the stock assessment, please contact Julie Neer at (850) 234-6541 or by fax at (850) 235-3559.

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