

What would the Final Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP mean to you? Changes as a result of Amendment 1 are in italics.

| PROHIBITED SPECIES | | | | |
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| The following sharks cannot be kept commercially or recreationally: Whale, basking, sand tiger, bigeye sand tiger, white, dusky, night, bignose, Galapagos, Caribbean reef, narrowtooth, longfin mako, bigeye thresher, sevengill, sixgill, bigeye sixgill, Caribbean sharpnose, smalltail, and Atlantic angel sharks. <i>There is a mechanism in place to add or remove species, as needed, via rulemaking.</i> | | | | |
| COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS | | | | |
| Management Unit | Species that can be retained | Quota (mt dw) | Regional Quotas | Authorized Gears |
| Large Coastal Sharks - directed commercial retention limit of 4,000 lb dw per trip - incidental retention limit | Sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, bull, spinner, lemon, nurse, smooth hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead, great hammerhead | 1,017 | NA = 4% SA = 54% GM = 42% | Pelagic or Bottom Longline; Gillnet; Rod and Reel; Handline; Bandit Gear |
| Pelagic Sharks - no directed retention limit - incidental retention limit | Shortfin mako, thresher, oceanic whitetip | 488 | None | |
| | Porbeagle | 92 | | |
| | Blue | 273 | | |
| Small Coastal Sharks - no directed retention limit - incidental retention limit | Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, finetooth, bonnethead | 454 | NA = 13% SA = 83% GM = 4% | |
| Additional remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All sharks not retained must be released in a manner that ensures the maximum probability of survival - Finning is prohibited for all sharks no matter what species - Fishing seasons: From January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2004, the fishing seasons will be January 1 to June 30 and July 1 to December 31; <i>Starting January 1, 2005, the fishing seasons will be January 1 to April 30; May 1 to August 30; September 1 to December 31</i> - <i>Fishing regions: NA = Maine through Virginia; SA = N. Carolina through East Florida and Caribbean; GM = Gulf of Mexico</i> - Quota over- and underharvest adjustments will be made for the same season the following year; no reopening that season - <i>Count state landings after Federal closure against Federal quota</i> - <i>Time/area closure for vessels with bottom longline gear on board: January through July between 35° 41'N to 33° 51'N and west of 74° 46'W, roughly following the 60 fathom contour line, diagonally south to 76° 24'W and north to 74° 51'W.</i> - <i>Vessel Monitoring Systems required for all gillnet vessels during right whale calving season and from January through July for all vessels with bottom longline gear on board between 33° 00' N and 36° 30'N</i> - Limited access; Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) requirements; <i>Display permits for collection for public display</i> - Observer and reporting requirements - For incidental limited access permit holders: 5 large coastal sharks per trip; a total of 16 pelagic or small coastal sharks (all species combined) per vessel per trip - Vessel with bottom longline gear on board must: (1) <i>have non-stainless steel corrodible hooks; (2) have a dehooking device (when approved), linecutters, and a dipnet on board; (3) move 1 nmi after an interaction with a protected species; and (4) post sea turtle handling and release guidelines in the wheelhouse</i> | | | | |
| RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS | | | | |
| Management Unit | Species that can be kept | Retention Limit | Authorized Gear | |
| Large Coastal, Pelagic, and Small Coastal Sharks | LCS: Sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, bull, spinner, lemon, nurse, smooth hammerhead, scalloped hammerhead, great hammerhead Pelagic: shortfin mako, thresher, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle, blue SCS: Atlantic sharpnose, blacknose, finetooth, bonnethead | 1 shark per vessel per trip (all species) with a 4.5 feet fork length minimum size; allowance for 1 Atlantic sharpnose and 1 bonnethead per person per trip (no minimum size) | Rod and Reel; Handline | |
| Additional remarks: Harvested sharks must have fins, head, and tail attached (can be bled and gutted if tail is still attached). | | | | |