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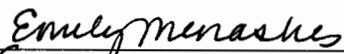
NMFS ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SMALL COASTAL SHARK ASSESSMENT REPORT

The National Marine Fisheries Service announces the availability of a stock assessment report on small coastal sharks (SCS) in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The assessment followed the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. The report summarizes the consensus of review panel assessments, describes methodologies used to determine SCS complex stock status, and details relevant working documents, including copies of Data and Assessment workshop reports.

The assessment reviewed data and models for the SCS complex and for each individual species within the SCS complex, as per recommendations in previous assessments. This allowed individual analyses, discussions, and stock status determinations for five separate assessments: 1) SCS complex, 2) Atlantic sharpnose shark, 3) bonnethead shark, 4) blacknose shark, and 5) finetooth sharks. These assessments are included in one report as many of the indices, data, and issues overlap among assessments.

Copies of the assessment can be obtained from the HMS Management Division by contacting Robert Smith at (301) 713-2347. An electronic version of the stock assessment and all supporting documents is also available on the internet at: <http://www.sefsc/noaa.gov/sedar/>. For more information on the methods, data, and results of the stock assessment, contact Enric Cortes at (850) 235-3559.

This Email notice is a courtesy to Atlantic shark fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz, 301-713-2347.



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