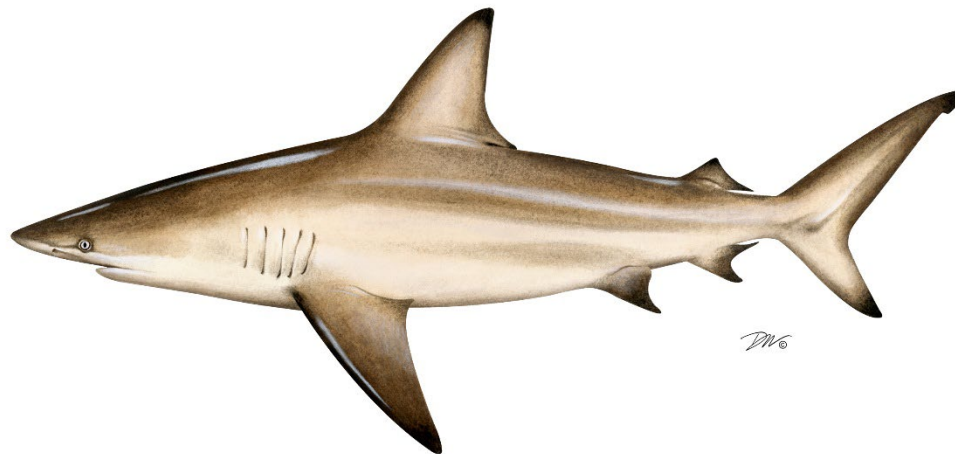




2024 Commercial Specifications



Coastal Sharks Management Board
October 17, 2023

Background



- Proposed rule was published on August 2
 - Final rule will be published later this fall
- Proposes status quo quotas
- Proposes to open all shark management groups on 1/1/2024
- Also proposes to set default opening date with base quotas and default retention limits

2024 Quotas



Region or Sub-region	Management Group	2024 Proposed Annual Quota	Quota Linkages	Commercial Retention Limits for Directed Shark Limited Access Permit Holders	Season Opening Dates
Atlantic	Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks	168.9 mt dw (372,552 lb dw)	Linked	55 LCS other than sandbar sharks per vessel per trip	Jan 1, 2023
	Hammerhead Sharks	27.1 mt dw (59,736 lb dw)			
	Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	264.1 mt dw (582,333 lb dw)	Linked (South of 34° N. lat. only)	N/A	Jan 1, 2023
	Blacknose Sharks (South of 34° N. lat. only)	17.2 mt dw (37,921 lb dw)		8 blacknose sharks per vessel per trip (applies to directed and incidental permit holders; in-season adjustments not possible)	
	Smoothhound sharks	1,802.6 mt dw (3,973,902 lb dw)	Not Linked	N/A	Jan 1, 2023

2024 Quotas



Region or Sub-region	Management Group	2024 Proposed Annual Quota	Quota Linkages	Commercial Retention Limits for Directed Shark Limited Access Permit Holders	Season Opening Dates
No regional quotas	Non-Sandbar LCS Research	50.0 mt dw (110,230 lb dw)	Linked	N/A	Jan 1, 2023
	Sandbar Shark Research	90.7 mt dw (199,943 lb dw)			
	Blue Sharks	273.0 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	Not Linked	N/A	
	Porbeagle Sharks	1.7 mt dw (3,748 lb dw)			
	Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue	488.0 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)			

Proposed Default Measures



- Preferred option: Automatically open fishery on January 1, with base quotas and default retention limits
 - **55 LCS** other than sandbar sharks
 - 8 blacknose sharks
- NMFS could adjust start date, quotas and retention limits as needed

Board Action for Consideration



Approve the 2024 coastal sharks specifications via an email vote after NOAA Fisheries publishes the final rule for the 2024 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing season.



Questions?