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Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel
Conference Call on Draft Addendum V
October 11, 2018
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Advisory Panel Members: Katie Westfall, Mark Sampson, Charles Witek

ASMFC: Kirby Rootes-Murdy

The Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel met via conference call on October 11, 2018 to review Draft Addendum V to the Coastal Sharks FMP. The draft addendum proposes changes to the FMP that would provide the Management Board the flexibility to change or adjust management measures through Board action without an addendum or emergency action. Staff presented the options in the draft addendum and took comments from the group.

Two AP members indicated their preference for **Option 3: Adjust Measures on an Ad Hoc Basis as needed**. Reasons cited focused on the increased flexibility the option would give the Board in responding to changes in the condition of shark species. Additionally, one AP member noted they did not see downside or drawback from the flexibility the Board would have if Option 3 were adopted.