

Recreational Shark Limits

New York State Marine & Coastal District



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Before Going Fishing, You Must:

1. Register with the NYS Recreation Marine Fishing Registry:
 - Call **1-866-933-2257** or visit <https://decals.dec.ny.gov/DECALSCitizenWeb>
2. Check the current fishing regulations in effect! For the most updated information:
 - Call **(631) 444-0430** or visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html>
3. For fishing information in **federal waters**, contact NMFS Fisheries Information Line, visit
 - <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/> or call **888-872-8862**

SPECIES		MINIMUM SIZE	DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT
Allowed Sharks	Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Blue, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Common Thresher	54 inches fork length (1)	One shark per vessel per trip, except that one additional Atlantic Sharpnose and one additional Bonnethead may be taken and possessed per angler per trip.
	Great hammerhead, Scalloped hammerhead, Smooth hammerhead	78 inches fork length (1)	
	Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Finetooth	No size limit	
	Smooth dogfish, Spiny dogfish	No size limit	Any number
Prohibited Sharks	Atlantic angel, Basking, Blacknose, Bigeye sand tiger, Bigeye sixgill, Bigeye thresher, Bignose, Bluntnose Sixgill, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Reef, Sand tiger, Sandbar, Sharpnose Sevengill, Smalltail, Whale, White	Take or possession prohibited (2)	Take or possession prohibited (2)
2022 Updated Regulation Shortfin mako		No possession allowed	No possession allowed

(1) Fork length means the straight-line measurement of a fish from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Measurement is not made along the curve of the body.

(2) "Take" is defined in Environmental Conservation Law 11-0103 (13) to include "pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, snaring and netting fish, wildlife, game, shellfish, crustacea and protected insects, and all lesser acts such as disturbing, harrying or worrying, or placing, setting, drawing or using any net or other device commonly used to take any such animal." Pursuing or "targeting" a prohibited shark species refers to an angler making an effort to catch that species in violation of 6 NYCRR 40.7(c)(1).

Other provisions: All landed sharks must have head, tails and fins attached. No sale allowed. No finning. Sharks, excluding spiny dogfish, shall not be taken for commercial or recreational purposes by baited hooking except with the use of non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks. No person shall conduct, sponsor or participate in any shark tournament unless said tournament's rules and regulations require the exclusive use of non-stainless steel, non-offset circle hooks.