



Shortfin Mako Possession limit set at Zero for all fisheries

NOTICE

Effective 0001 hours, Tuesday, July 5, 2022, the landing and possession limit for the recreational and commercial fisheries for shortfin mako sharks will be zero. Commercial and recreational fishermen (including those fishing in tournaments or on for-hire vessels) must release any shortfin mako sharks captured, whether the shark is dead or alive at haulback.

NOAA Fisheries published its final rule in the Federal Register today, Friday, July 1, 2022. This final rule establishes a shortfin mako shark retention limit of zero in the commercial and recreational fisheries consistent with the management measure adopted in 2021 by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). If ICCAT provides for U.S. harvest in the future, NOAA Fisheries could increase the shortfin mako shark retention limit, based on regulatory criteria and the amount of retention allowed by ICCAT. Until that happens, the retention limit will remain at zero.

For further information, see the NOAA Fisheries website at: [Zero Atlantic Shortfin Mako Shark Retention Limit | NOAA Fisheries](#)

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