Atlantic Shortfin Mako

NO RETENTION ALLOWED

Max size: 12 feet
Teeth: Long and smooth without cusplets
Color: Deep blue above, metallic blue sides, snow-white below
Swims: Mostly off-shore

Use non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for sharks

Very pointed snout
First dorsal fin origin behind pectoral fins
Head longer than pectoral fin
Atlantic Shortfin Mako Shark

The commercial and recreational retention limits are zero. No shortfin mako sharks may be retained, possessed, landed, or sold and must be promptly released, whether dead or alive, at haulback at this time.

All sharks must be released in the water with the minimum of harm.

A federal fishing permit is required to fish for any shark in federal waters. Purchase at hmspermits.noaa.gov. HMS recreational permit holders that fish for sharks will need to obtain a shark endorsement.

For more information visit

fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species.

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