

# Recreational Shark Limits

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Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

Before fishing you must call 1-866-933-2257 or visit <https://decals.dec.ny.gov/DECALSCitizenWeb> to register with the NYS Recreation Marine Fishing Registry.

These regulations may change, please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html> for the most updated version. The official regulation by the Department of State are the official source of DEC regulations.

For information regarding fishing in federal waters call NMFS Fisheries Information Line at (301) 713-2347.

| SPECIES           |   | MINIMUM SIZE   | DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT   |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Allowed Sharks    | Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Blue, Shortfin mako, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Common Thresher, Silky  | 54 inches fork length (8)<br><br>*federal limit for shortfin mako is 83 inches fork length (link leaves DEC's website) | 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 (8)  |  |
|                   | Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Finetooth, Blacknose  | No size limit  |  |
|                   | Smooth dogfish, Spiny dogfish   | No size limit  | Any number   |
| Prohibited Sharks | Atlantic angel, Galapagos, Basking, Longfin mako, Bigeye sand tiger, Narrowtooth, Bigeye sixgill, Night, Bigeye thresher, Sand tiger, Bignose, Reef, Caribbean sharpnose, Dusky, Whale, White (9), Sandbar, Sharpnose Sevengill, Bluntnose Sixgill, Smalltail | No possession allowed  | No possession allowed  |

(8) 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.

(9) A person may fish for white sharks with rod and reel, provided the person releases such fish immediately with a minimum of injury and that such fish may not be removed from the water.

**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.

