

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	54 inches fork length (1) <i>*federal limit for shortfin mako is 71 inches (fork length) for male sharks, and 83 inches (fork length) for female sharks</i>	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, 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 (2), Sandbar, Sharpnose Sevengill, Bluntnose Sixgill, Smalltail, Silky	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) 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.

