

Recreational Shark Limits

New York State Marine & Coastal District



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Before Going Fishing, You Must:

- Register with the NYS Recreation Marine Fishing Registry:
 - Call **1-866-933-2257** or visit <https://decals.dec.ny.gov/DECALSCitizenWeb>
- 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>
- 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, bigeye sand tiger, bigeye thresher, bignose, blacknose, Caribbean sharpnose, dusky, Galapagos, longfin mako, narrowtooth, night, reef, sand tiger, sandbar, sharpnose sevengill, shortfin mako, silky, bigeye sixgill, bluntnose sixgill, smalltail, whale, and white.	Take⁽²⁾ or possession prohibited	Take⁽²⁾ or possession prohibited

(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 New York's Environmental Conservation Law (Section 11-0103 13) and includes pursuing, capturing and killing sharks. Any angler who is making an effort to catch a prohibited shark species is pursuing or targeting that species in violation of 6 NYCRR 40.7(c)(1). Do not fish for or target prohibited sharks in New York waters.

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.

Visit the Recreational Shark Fishing webpage for information about additional recreational shark fishing requirements and regulations: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/saltwater-fishing/recreational-shark-fishing>.