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Subject line: Draft Addendum IV

FAO: Ashton Harp, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator ([aharp@asmfc.org](mailto:aharp@asmfc.org?subject=Draft%20Addendum%20IV))

Dear Mr. Harp:

As a strong supporter of shark conservation and Project AWARE, I am writing to express my concern that several Atlantic states allow the fins of smooth dogfish sharks to be removed at sea.

I understand this is allowed under an exception in the Shark Conservation Act, but also know that states may opt to apply the best practice (a "fins-attached" landing rule) to all shark species. The fins-attached approach has been mandated for all other US sharks because it is the simplest, most enforceable method for preventing shark finning. Better catch data can also result.

I would be grateful if you would convey to the Commissioners my strong support for ending all at-sea removal of shark fins (including those from smooth dogfish).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Insert name  
Insert US State of Residence