

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Maryland Department of Natural Resources**  
**Fishing and Boating Services**  
*2021 Commercial Shark Catch Limits — Effective 4/11/2021*

**WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES**

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces a new commercial catch limit for large coastal sharks.

**COMMERCIAL CATCH LIMIT**

The commercial catch limit is fifty-five (55) large coastal sharks per vessel per trip. Large coastal sharks include all of the sharks in the aggregated large coastal and hammerhead management groups defined in COMAR 08.02.22.03A(6) and (7). The species in the two management groups include: Silky; Tiger; Blacktip; Spinner; Bull; Lemon; Nurse; Scalloped hammerhead; Great hammerhead; and Smooth hammerhead.

**WHY THIS IS NECESSARY**

This is necessary to implement the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Coastal Sharks.

**WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS**

This applies to all individuals who catch sharks commercially.

**EFFECTIVE TIME AND DATE**

The new commercial catch limit is effective at 12:01 a.m. April 11, 2021. The National Marine Fisheries Service anticipates in-season trip limit modifications based on harvest. If modifications are made, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will follow with modifications for state waters. A new public notice will be issued if modifications are made.

**AUTHORITY**

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.22.04B.

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