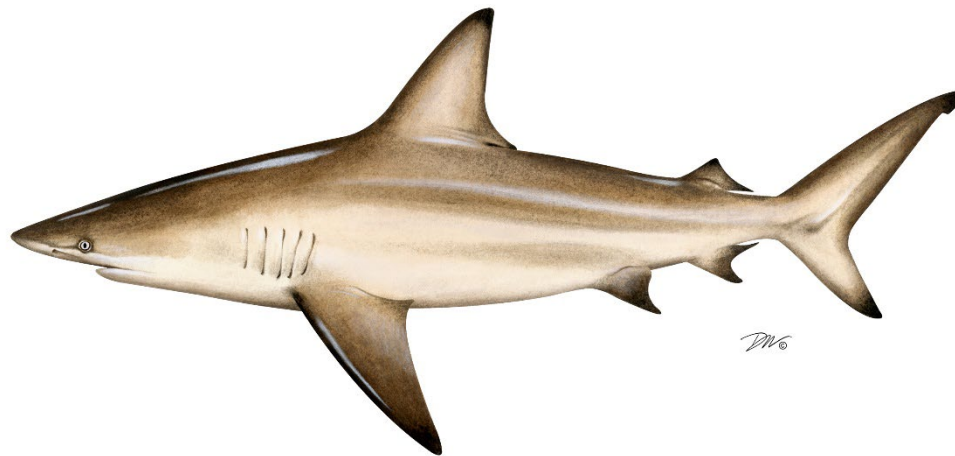




# 2023 Commercial Specifications



## Coastal Sharks Management Board

November 9, 2022

# Background



- Proposed rule was published on September 9
  - Final rule will be published later this fall
- Quotas: status quo from 2022
- Proposes to open all shark management groups on 1/1/2023
- Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (other than sandbar sharks) retention limit: status quo
  - 55 sharks per vessel per trip
- Blacknose sharks retention limit: status quo
  - 8 sharks per vessel per trip

# 2023 Quotas



Region or Sub-region	Management Group	2023 Proposed Annual Quota	Quota Linkages	Commercial Retention Limits for Directed Shark Limited Access Permit Holders	Season Opening Dates
Atlantic	Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks	168.9 mt dw <b>(372,552 lb dw)</b>	Linked	55 LCS other than sandbar sharks per vessel per trip	Jan 1, 2023
	Hammerhead Sharks	27.1 mt dw <b>(59,736 lb dw)</b>			
	Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	264.1 mt dw <b>(582,333 lb dw)</b>	Linked (South of 34°N. lat. only)	N/A	Jan 1, 2023
	Blacknose Sharks (South of 34° N. lat. only)	17.2 mt dw <b>(37,921 lb dw)</b>		8 blacknose sharks per vessel per trip (applies to directed and incidental permit holders; in-season adjustments not possible)	
	Smoothhound sharks	1,802.6 mt dw <b>(3,973,902 lb dw)</b>	Not Linked	N/A	Jan 1, 2023

# 2023 Quotas



Region or Sub-region	Management Group	2023 Proposed Annual Quota	Quota Linkages	Commercial Retention Limits for Directed Shark Limited Access Permit Holders	Season Opening Dates
No regional quotas	Non-Sandbar LCS Research	50.0 mt dw <b>(110,230 lb dw)</b>	Linked	N/A	Jan 1, 2023
	Sandbar Shark Research	90.7 mt dw <b>(199,943 lb dw)</b>			
	Blue Sharks	273.0 mt dw <b>(601,856 lb dw)</b>	Not Linked	N/A	
	Porbeagle Sharks	1.7 mt dw <b>(3,748 lb dw)</b>			
	Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue	488.0 mt dw <b>(1,075,856 lb dw)</b>			

# Board Action for Consideration

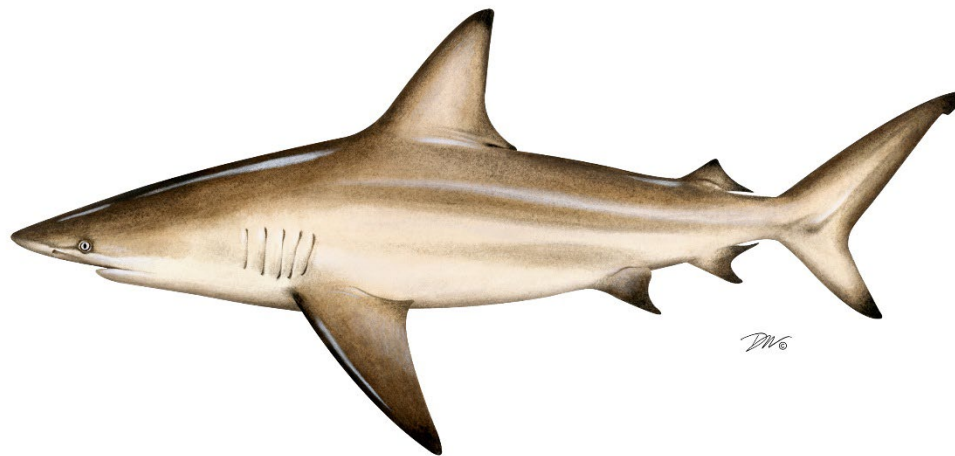


Approve the 2023 coastal sharks specifications via an email vote after NOAA Fisheries publishes the final rule for the 2023 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing season.



**Questions?**

# Coastal Sharks FMP Review of the 2020 Fishing Year



# FMP Review Outline



- Status of FMP
- Status of Stocks
- Status of the Fishery
- Status of Research and Monitoring
- Status of Management Measures and Issues
- Implementation of FMP Requirements
- PRT Recommendations



# Coastal Sharks FMP



## Fishery Management Plan (Implemented January 2009)

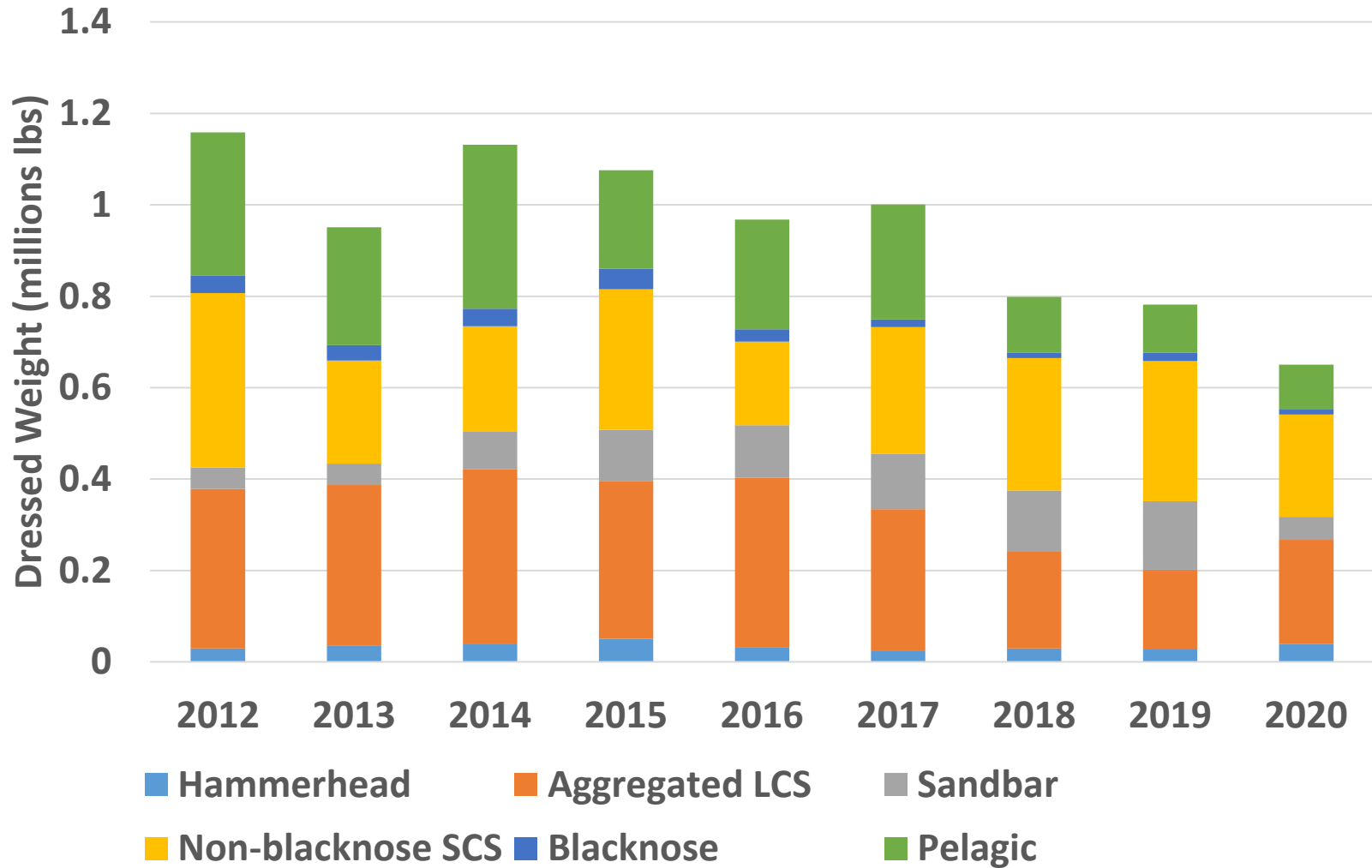
- Addendum I (September 2009)
- Addendum II (May 2013)
- Addendum III (October 2013)
- Addendum IV (August 2016)
- Addendum V (October 2018)

# Status of the Stocks

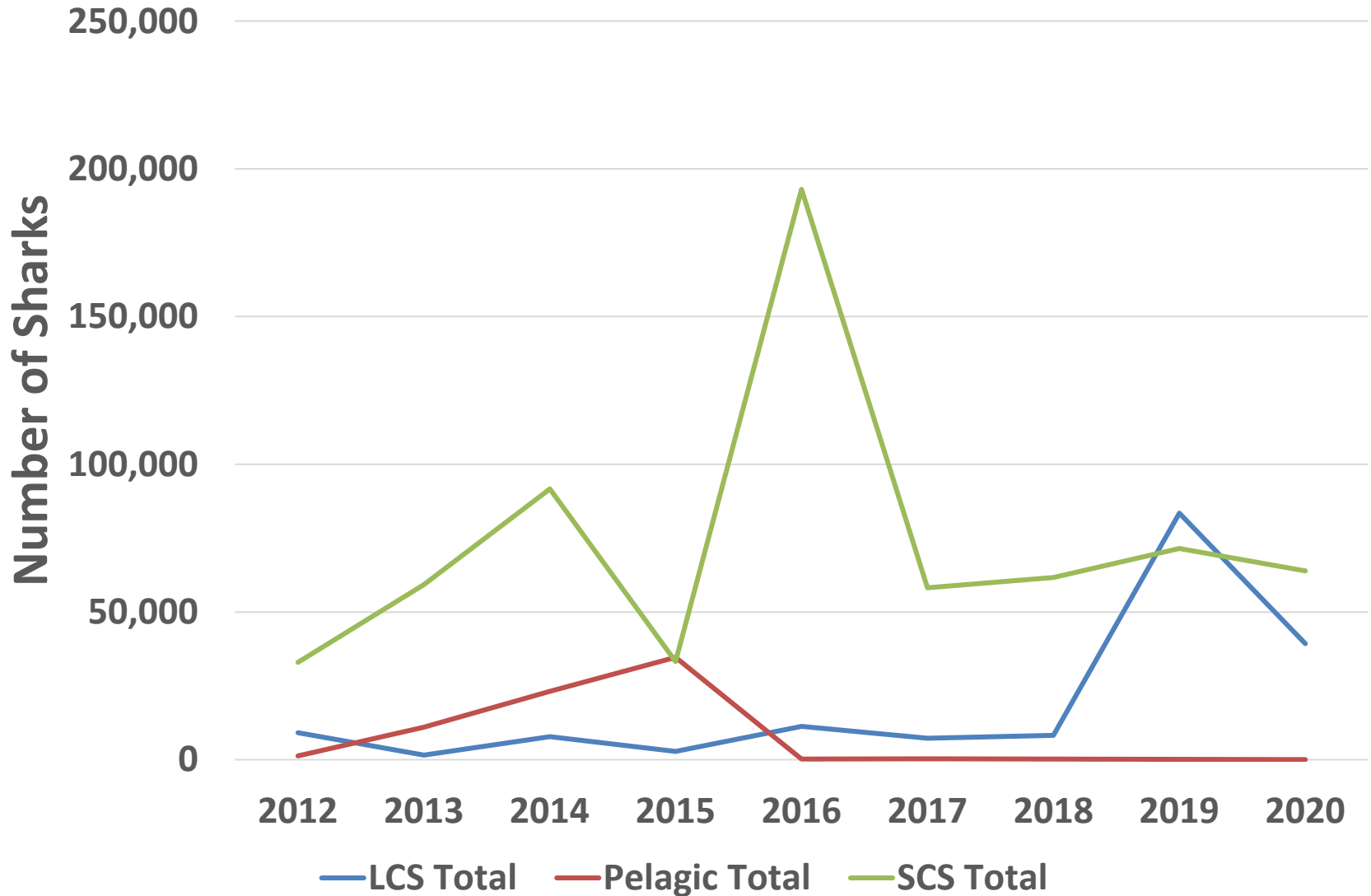


- There have been no changes in status of stocks for managed shark species
- New stock assessments:
  - The Atlantic Blacktip Shark is not overfished and not subject to overfishing (2020)

# Status of the Fishery - Commercial



# Status of the Fishery - Recreational



# De Minimis



- States can request *de minimis* status on a case-by-case basis.
- Massachusetts is requesting continuation of *de minimis* status for the Aggregated Large Coastal species group and the Hammerhead species group
  - Also requests that Blacknose sharks be included within the exemption given the species' range and lack of landings in MA.

# PRT Comments



- PRT recommends that *de minimis* status be granted to MA for large coastal, hammerhead, and blacknose sharks
- NJ's rulemaking process has delayed implementation of the circle hook requirement until Jan 2023
- GA's recreational regulations not reflective of FMP requirements
  - GA staff indicated the regulations will be updated accordingly



**Questions?**