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Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel Conference Call 6 Total Attendees

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Advisory Panel: Lewis Gillingham, Sonja Fordham, Peter Grimbilas, Rusty Hudson

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Issue 1: Catch Composition Requirement

The sub-set of the Advisory Panel did not vote in favor of either option on the conference call. One participant was in favor of a fins naturally attached policy for smooth dogfish, regardless of catch composition. The other two participants did not provide comments on the issue.

One AP member sent a comment, via email, in favor of Option B (catch composition requirement).

General comments:

- Two participants commented on [H.R. 5584](#) Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2016 (Congress introduced on June 23, 2016) and New Jersey's recent shark fin ban. They are not in favor of a shark fin ban.
- One participant said the smooth dogfish market is weak at this time, therefore, the fishery is not as active as it previously has been.