

## Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update

### mt dw – lb dw Converted to Number of Sharks

January 1- May 13, 2014

We at Shark Attack Survivors and Shark Year Magazine support Proper fishery management which allows for and promotes removal of appropriate numbers of sharks while insuring species survival. We hope understanding the number of sharks harvested will help you decide which areas of shark conservation to participate in to do the most good.

Recently many protested shark tournaments where 10 to 12 Pelagic Sharks were brought back to the dock. To insure species survival the commercial fishing fleet can harvest 25,019 in 2014.

Recently many USA residents protested the WA shark cull – Most of the sharks caught were tiger sharks members of our Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (bull, tiger, spinner, silky, nurse, and lemon). 55 sharks were killed in WA while back in the USA 20,000 LCS are being harvested. They also caught a Pelagic shark in WA. Add the LCS and Pelagic harvested in the USA 50,000 the WA cull 55.

As landing updates become available we will translate the mt dw or lb dw to the number of shark for you.

MT (Metric Tons) - 2,204.6 lbs.

LB (Pounds)

DW (Dressed Weight) The weight of the shark meat presented at market. (fins not included).

274.3 mt dw  
(604,626 lb dw)

Below are the preliminary landings estimates in number of sharks for the Atlantic shark commercial fisheries. These preliminary estimates are based on dealer reports and other information received from January 1 through May 13, 2014. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2014 shark research fishery participants.

<b>Management Groups (Shark Species)</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>2014 Adjusted Commercial Quota</b>	<b>Estimated Landings in 2014 Jan - May</b>	<b>% of 2014 Quota</b>
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Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (bull, tiger, spinner, silky, nurse, and lemon)		9,818	8,040	82% Closed May, 20
Hammerhead Sharks (scalloped, great, and smooth)		928	394	42% Closed May, 20
Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks (blacktip, bull, tiger, spinner, silky, nurse, and lemon)	Atlantic	10,957	9	< 1%
Hammerhead Sharks (scalloped, great, and smooth)		995	1	< 1%
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks (Atlantic sharpnose, bonnethead, and finetooth)	Gulf of Mexico	25,079	1325	5%
	Atlantic	97,055	21,662	22%
Blacknose Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	815	294	36%
	Atlantic	7,727	1599	21%
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	13,678	375	3%
Porbeagle Sharks		21	2	<1%
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue (oceanic whitetip, common thresher, and shortfin mako)		25.019	4231	17%

The mt dw and lb dw figures are taken from the monthly **Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Landings Update**

The average dressed weight for each management group was provided by NOAA – 04/17/2014

Shark Attack Survivors did the mt dw and lb dw conversions to number of sharks.

Locations and Species marked closed = that area for them species is virtually a shark sanctuary for the remainder of the year.

These are Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico figures the Pacific fishery figures are not included.

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