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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the possession, sale, offer for sale, trade or distribution of shark fins

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 13-0338 of the environmental conservation law, as  
2     added by chapter 231 of the laws of 1992, paragraph a of subdivision 1  
3     as amended by chapter 308 of the laws of 1999 and subdivision 4 as  
4     amended by chapter 428 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
5     follows:  
6     S 13-0338. Sharks; finning prohibited.  
7     1. For purposes of this section:  
8     a. "Shark" means any species of the [order Squaliformes except species  
9     in the suborder Batoidea, and] SUBCLASS ELASMOBRANCHII EXCEPT SPECIES IN  
10    THE SUPER ORDER BATOIDEA;  
11    b. "Finning" means the removal of a fin[, other than the caudal fin,]  
12    from a shark and not retaining the remainder of the shark's carcass[.];  
13    AND  
14    C. "SHARK FIN" MEANS THE RAW, DRIED OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED DETACHED  
15    FIN INCLUDING THE TAIL.  
16    2. No person shall engage in finning on the waters of the marine and  
17    coastal district.  
18    3. [No person shall possess shark fins in the marine and coastal  
19    district unless the proper proportion of species, number, and size of  
20    shark carcasses is also possessed.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. The department may, until December thirty-first, two thousand thir-  
2 teen, fix by regulation measures for the management of sharks, including  
3 size limits, catch and possession limits, open and closed seasons,  
4 closed areas, restrictions on the manner of taking and landing, require-  
5 ments for permits and eligibility therefor, recordkeeping requirements,  
6 requirements on the amount and type of fishing effort and gear, and  
7 requirements relating to transportation, possession and sale, provided  
8 that such regulations are no less restrictive than requirements set  
9 forth in this chapter and provided further that such regulations are  
10 consistent with the compliance requirements of applicable fishery  
11 management plans adopted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commis-  
12 sion and with applicable provisions of fishery management plans adopted  
13 pursuant to the Federal Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16  
14 U.S.C. S1800 et seq.).] NO PERSON SHALL POSSESS, SELL, OFFER FOR SALE,  
15 TRADE OR DISTRIBUTE A SHARK FIN PROVIDED; HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROHIBITION  
16 SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY LEGALLY TAKEN SHARK FIN THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING  
17 CRITERIA:

18 A. WAS TAKEN FROM A SPINY DOGFISH (SQUALUS ACANTHIAS) OR A SMOOTH  
19 DOGFISH (MUSTELUS CANIS) CAUGHT BY A LICENSED COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN;

20 B. WAS TAKEN FROM A SHARK CAUGHT BY A RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN WHO HAS  
21 COMPLIED WITH THE RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS;  
22 OR

23 C. WHERE SPECIFICALLY LICENSED OR PERMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR BONA  
24 FIDE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

25 S 2. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
26 section 13-0338-a to read as follows:

27 S 13-0338-A. SHARKS; DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY.

28 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SHARK" MEANS ANY SPECIES OF THE  
29 ORDER SQUALIFORMES EXCEPT SPECIES IN THE SUPERORDER BATOIDEA.

30 2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY, UNTIL DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND  
31 FOURTEEN, FIX BY REGULATION MEASURES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SHARKS,  
32 INCLUDING SIZE LIMITS, CATCH AND POSSESSION LIMITS, OPEN AND CLOSED  
33 SEASONS, CLOSED AREAS, RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANNER OF TAKING AND LANDING,  
34 REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS AND ELIGIBILITY THEREFOR, RECORDKEEPING  
35 REQUIREMENTS, REQUIREMENTS ON THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF FISHING EFFORT AND  
36 GEAR, AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, POSSESSION AND SALE,  
37 PROVIDED THAT SUCH REGULATIONS ARE NO LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN REQUIREMENTS  
38 SET FORTH IN THIS CHAPTER AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT SUCH REGULATIONS ARE  
39 CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE FISHERY  
40 MANAGEMENT PLANS ADOPTED BY THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMIS-  
41 SION AND WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS ADOPTED  
42 PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT (16  
43 U.S.C. S1800 ET SEQ.).

44 S 3. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 1 of section 13-0339 of the  
45 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 156 of the laws of  
46 2003, are amended to read as follows:

47 a. The taking of fish with nets in the marine and coastal district is  
48 governed by sections 13-0333, 13-0335, 13-0341, 13-0343, 13-0347 and  
49 11-1521, and regulations adopted pursuant to sections 11-0303, 11-1303,  
50 [13-0338] 13-0338-A, 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a, 13-0340-b,  
51 13-0340-c, 13-0340-d, 13-0340-e, 13-0340-f and 13-0340-g of this chap-  
52 ter. The taking of fish by other means, in the marine and coastal  
53 district, is governed by title 13 of article 11 of the Fish and Wildlife  
54 Law, subject to restrictions in section 13-0343 as to certain waters,  
55 and to provisions of sections 13-0347 and 11-1521 and regulations  
56 adopted pursuant to section 11-0303 of this chapter as to striped bass

1 and sections 13-0338, 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a, 13-0340-b,  
2 13-0340-c, 13-0340-d, 13-0340-e, 13-0340-f and 13-0340-g as to other  
3 species of marine fish. The taking, and sale or taking for sale, of  
4 certain bait fish are governed by section 11-1315 of this chapter.

5 b. Open seasons, minimum size limits and catch limits for fish other  
6 than the marine species named in subdivisions 2 and 3 of this section  
7 are specified by regulations adopted pursuant to sections 11-0303,  
8 11-1303, [13-0338] 13-0338-A, 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a, 13-0340-b,  
9 13-0340-c, 13-0340-d, 13-0340-e, 13-0340-f and 13-0340-g of this chap-  
10 ter. All shortnose sturgeon irrespective of size and all Atlantic stur-  
11 geon under the size limits prescribed by regulations adopted pursuant to  
12 section 11-1303 of this chapter taken in gill nets shall be immediately  
13 returned to the water without unnecessary injury. Other fish named by  
14 regulations adopted pursuant to sections 11-0303, 11-1303, 13-0338,  
15 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a, 13-0340-b, 13-0340-c, 13-0340-d,  
16 13-0340-e, 13-0340-f and 13-0340-g of this chapter and under the size  
17 limits prescribed in such regulations, shall not be bought, sold or  
18 trafficked in.

19 S 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 8 of section 71-0923 of the  
20 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 284 of the laws of  
21 2004, is amended to read as follows:

22 Any violation of sections 13-0329, 13-0330, 13-0331, 13-0333, 13-0334,  
23 13-0335, subdivision one of section 13-0337, 13-0338, 13-0338-A,  
24 13-0339, 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a through 13-0340-g, 13-0341,  
25 13-0342, 13-0343, 13-0347, and 13-0349 of this chapter, or of any regu-  
26 lation adopted pursuant to the foregoing sections, shall be punishable  
27 by imprisonment of not more than fifteen days or by a fine of the great-  
28 er of two hundred fifty dollars or:

29 S 5. The opening paragraph of subdivision 7 of section 71-0925 of the  
30 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 284 of the laws of  
31 2004, is amended to read as follows:

32 If the violation was a violation of sections 13-0329, 13-0330,  
33 13-0331, 13-0333, 13-0334, 13-0335, subdivision one of section 13-0337,  
34 13-0338, 13-0338-A, 13-0339, 13-0339-a, 13-0340, 13-0340-a through  
35 13-0340-g, 13-0341, 13-0342, 13-0343, 13-0347, and 13-0349 of this chap-  
36 ter, or of any regulation adopted pursuant to the foregoing sections,  
37 the greater of two hundred fifty dollars or:

38 S 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.