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Hello,

As a concerned Recreational fisherperson I write this email. There has been alot said in the last few months or so regarding the bans put in place on Mako & Porbeagle sharks as of Jan 31 2010.

What evidence is there to support such ridiculous regulations?. I am all for protecting threatened or endangered species (but as far as im concerned this decision has been made in haste), If the Mako and Porbeagle sharks can be proven with some in depth studies to be endangered then I will gladly support this/these bans.

I also strongly believe that the CMS is a fantastic organisation that protects threatened species. but It is only restricting countries that are signed up to the CMS. Why punish the people that have are signed up to this committee??. Surely the Shark finners are doing the most harm all over the globe with their cruel & wasteful capturing (and discarding of 95% of the fish that is not wanted).

My Personal suggestions to preserve these fantastic sportfish is:

- 1) That there could be a 2-3 month closed season on fishing for these species.
- 2) Reduce capture numbers to 1 fish per angler with 2 fish maximum per boat per outing.
- 3) That Shark fin soup be made Illegal in Australia (and preferably every country that is signed up with CMS).
- 4) The Banning of any shark related imports to Australia.

The Banning of fishing for the above mentioned species will have a massive negative Social & economical feeling through all of Australia.

Our Numbers are not in trouble as they are in other parts of the world. But we do need to put steps in place to make sure that our Fishery (for all species) Stays healthy for our children and grand children to enjoy.

Regards

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