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Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Department of House of Representatives

15/01/10

Re: Mako Shark Ban South Pacific region

Dear Sir,

We as a club of 166 financial members are shocked and strongly oppose this decision made by our government to ban of the take of Mako shark and Porbeagle shark within the South Pacific region. As we understand this decision was made with a lack of consultation and no scientific data with Australian departments or regard toward the economic fallout associated with such a decision. We recognize there may be a problem in the Northern hemisphere as their science does support.

We believe, that as a club who do take Mako shark, that the state bodies are managing this resource well and that the tag and release program is very active and successful. The stocks in the South Pacific region are healthy and numerous and not linked to the stocks in the Northern hemisphere.

This decision will affect our club members, our major tournament and our town. Our club is affiliated with S.A.G.F.A and G.F.A.A.

On behalf of all our members, we are calling upon you to reverse this decision or at least postpone the ban until the correct and appropriate consultation process has been completed.

Regards,

*Paul Carrison*  
P.M.O.A.C. President

*Gary Clarke*  
P.M.O.A.C. Past President