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The Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee of Treaties
Department of House of Representatives
PO Box 6021
Parliament House, Canberra ACT

SUBMISSION No.34

TT 25 & 26 November 2009

RE: Listing of the Shortfin mako, longfin mako and porbeagle sharks as migratory species under the EPBC Act

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to view my extreme disappointment and disbelief on hearing that we will no longer be able to fish for the above shark species, if the government approves the above named sharks on the list as migratory species under the EPBC Act.

I am 30 years old and I started Game Fishing 10 years ago when I met my partner. Since then I go to the NSW coast as much as we can to try our luck. The money we spend up there on fishing materials and equipment and in the local economy would be a great loss to the Tourism industry. I am an avid member of the Latrobe Valley Game Fishing Club. I hold a Victorian and New South Wales fishing licenses.

I feel that this decision has been rushed through without proper public comment or consultation and that there is no real scientific data to back this decision up from what I have read.

Tell me this "Have you ever been game fishing and had the thrill of the whole experience?"

I will await your response to this letter and hope you will be able to rectify the situation, so I can enjoy many more fishing holidays and one day pass this knowledge and fun sport onto my children.

Regards,

Jacqui Giddens