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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Department of House of Representatives  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: the listing of three shark species as migratory under the EPBC Act

Fishers For Conservation Inc (FFC) is writing with regards to the Committee inquiry into the listing of three shark species as migratory under the EPBC Act. FFC supports the inclusion of the three shark species, porbeagle, shortfin mako and longfin mako, in the Appendices of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals(CMS).

Shark species worldwide are facing numerous threats. As fishers we understand that sharks are inherently vulnerable to over-fishing because they grow slowly, are late to mature and produce and relatively few young. Listing under Appendix II of CMS encourages much needed international cooperation to work towards the conservation of these species.

Nationally, species listed under the Appendices of CMS are required to be listed as migratory species under section 209(3)(a)(ii) of the EPBC Act. We support the Minister in fulfilling his responsibilities and listing these sharks as migratory under the EPBC Act.

Sincerely,

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