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Committee secretary,  
Joint Standing committee on Treaties

Dear Secretary,

I am writing to express my dismay with the impending ban on recreational Mako shark fishing.

I raise the following points.

1. the legislation appears to have popped up with out any consultation with the fishing public, without any opportunity for the numerous fishermen, charter operators and tourist centers around the country to consider the impact this ban will have on their recreational pursuit and in may cases livelihood.
2. The Mako under pressure in the Mediterranean is a concern for the people around the Mediterranean, it is my understanding that some countries on the Mediterranean are still actively fishing for Mako sharks. Would it not be a good idea if these countries were to reduce their fishing, in order to relieve the pressure on their own fisheries?
3. There appears to be little proof that the short finned mako is in fact under pressure from sports fishermen in Australia.
4. It is also very difficult to understand the application of the ban to sports fishermen whilst the commercial long liners apparently are not affected. It seems to me that commercial fishermen affect Mako more than recreational fishermen.
5. I would like to suggest this legislation be postponed until the Mako fishery in Australia, and the "migration" of our sharks to those waters, including the Mediterranean are better understood.

thankyou

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14 January 2010