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Committee Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Dear Sir
My Name is Michael Mizzi

I run a major website for fishing in Victoria, (www.mrfisho.com.au) We as a group are very worried about the introduction of the E.P.B.C where short finned, long finned mako sharks and Porbeagle sharks will be added to the list of protected species.

After attending a meeting held at Hastings Victoria where there were many other fisho's wanting information I now realize you are making a terrible mistake for the sport of Game Fishing in Victoria. We as a group of fisho's are very like minded for the conservation of the fish we are lucky enough to have in our waters. The direct result of fisho's tagging and releasing the Mako Sharks and many other species of fish is what we believe is helping to keep our stocks healthy.

Please also note that the Mako Sharks in Victorian water DO NOT migrate anywhere near other populations of Mako's that would help other countries replenish their stocks.

I am asking for myself and for 2700+ Members of WWW.MRFISHO.COM.AU if you could at least put a hold onto the proposed 29/1/2010 date for adding the Short Finned Mako, Long Finned Mako and Porbeagle Shark to the E.P.B.C listing until a serious effort has been done into the viability of the Mako Sharks in Victorian Waters.

This move will ruin many clubs and many small operators in Victoria who put many millions back into the economy within Victoria.

Sincerely

Michael Mizzi