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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 678.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The purpose of this part is to implement the Fishery Management Plan for Sharks of the Atlantic Ocean (FMP) prepared by the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) This part governs conservation and management of sharks in the management unit.

§ 678.2 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in the Magnuson Act and in § 620.2 of this chapter, the terms used in this part have the following meaning:

Charter vessel means a vessel less than 100 gross tons (90.8 metric tons) that meets the requirements of the Coast Guard to carry six or fewer passengers for hire and that carries a passenger for hire at any time during the calendar year. A charter vessel with a permit issued under § 678.4 is considered to be operating as a charter vessel when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or when there are more than three

persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Dealer means the person in the United States who first receives by way of purchase, barter, or trade, sharks harvested from the management unit.

Dress means to remove head, viscera, and fins, but does not include removal of the backbone, halving, quartering, or otherwise further reducing the carcass.

Drift gillnet, sometimes called a drift entanglement net or drift net, means a flat net, unattached to the ocean bottom, whether or not it is attached to a vessel, designed to be suspended vertically in the water to entangle the head or other body parts of a shark that attempts to pass through the meshes.

Eviscerate means removal of the alimentary organs only.

Fillet means to remove slices of fish flesh, of irregular size and shape, from the carcass by cuts made parallel to the backbone.

Headboat means a vessel that holds a valid Certificate of Inspection issued by the Coast Guard to carry passengers for hire. A headboat with a permit issued under § 678.4 is considered to be operating as a headboat when it carries a passenger who pays a fee or when there are more than three persons aboard, including operator and crew.

Landed or landing means to arrive at a dock, berth, beach, seawall, or ramp.

Large coastal species means any of the species, or a part thereof, listed in paragraph (1) of the definition of *management unit*.

Management unit means the following species in the Western North Atlantic Ocean including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea:

(1) Large coastal species:

- Hammerhead sharks—Sphyrnidae
 Great hammerhead, *Sphyrna mokarran*
 Scalloped hammerhead, *Sphyrna lewini*
 Smooth hammerhead, *Sphyrna zygaena*
- Mackerel sharks—Lamnidae
 White shark, *Carcharodon carcharias*
- Nurse sharks—Ginglymostomatidae
 Nurse shark, *Ginglymostoma cirratum*
- Requiem sharks—Carcharhinidae
 Bignose shark, *Carcharhinus altimus*
 Blacktip shark, *Carcharhinus limbatus*
 Bull shark, *Carcharhinus leucas*
 Caribbean reek shark, *Carcharhinus perezi*
 Dusky shark, *Carcharhinus obscurus*