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To Whom This May Concern:

In accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code 7:25-18.12(d)1, this notice hereby informs you of the latest modification to the commercial retention limits for the Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Hammerhead management groups established by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). This retention limit adjustment affects anyone with a directed shark limited access permit fishing for Large Coastal Sharks in the Atlantic region.

The combined allowed retention limit for these groups is now 36 Large Coastal Sharks (Sandbar sharks excluded) or Hammerheads per vessel per trip.

The effective date of this change is July 16th, 2017.

NMFS reserves the authority to modify the retention limits for the Aggregated Large Coastal Sharks and Hammerhead groups on a quarterly basis, based upon the most current available fishing reports in order to avoid annual quota exceedance for those groups. The species that comprise these groups include:

Aggregate Large Coastal Group

Ginglymostoma cirratum (Nurse Shark)
Carcharhinus limbatus (Blacktip Shark)
Carcharhinus leucas (Bull Shark)
Negaprion brevirostris (Lemon Shark)
Carcharhinus falciformis (Silky Shark)
Carcharhinus brevipinna (Spinner Shark)
Galeocerdo cuvieri (Tiger Shark)

Hammerhead Group

Sphyrna mokarran (Great Hammerhead)
Sphyrna lewini (Scalloped Hammerhead)
Sphyrna zygaena (Smooth Hammerhead)

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