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**Recommendation related to CMM 2022-04 (Sharks)**

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United States of America and Canada

The current requirements regarding fins naturally attached and the allowable alternatives in paragraphs 8 and 9 of CMM 2022-04 are only in place until 2024. TCC19 was tasked to advise the Commission this year on the effectiveness of the allowable alternatives to inform review by the Commission in 2024, but unfortunately CCMs that are utilizing the alternatives had not provided adequate information to assess their effectiveness. Several CCMs have committed to provide more information to TCC20 as noted at TCC19 ([TCC19 Summary Report](#), Paragraphs 383 & 384). In light of the outcomes at TCC19 on this issue, the United States and Canada propose that the Commission task TCC20 to conduct a review of information submitted by CCMs to inform the review of the measure, and that those members who are using the alternatives to fins naturally attached be directed to provide additional information to TCC20 in order to ensure a meaningful review process there.

**Draft WCPFC20 Recommendation:**

*WCPFC20 directs CCMs who utilize alternative measures to ~~comply with~~ the prohibition on finning in paragraph 7 of CMM 2022-04, to provide detailed information on the implementation and monitoring of those alternative measures in advance of TCC20, as directed in paragraph 11 of CMM 2022-04. WCPFC20 also encourages CCMs to report to TCC20 any enforcement difficulties that they encountered in the case of the alternative measures and how they have addressed risks such as monitoring at sea, species substitution, etc. WCPFC20 tasks ~~TCC20~~, taking into account the information provided, Secretariat to advise the Commission on any necessary changes compile information with regards to the CMM to ensure finning is not occurring application of the provisions in the WCPFC Convention Area, as directed in paragraph 11 paragraphs 8 and 9 of CMM 2022-04. The information provided shall be used by TCC20 and WCPFC21 to review the implementation of alternative measures.*