From: Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 12:46 PM To: John Holic Subject: Fwd: New official rule language

Hi Mayor Holic

The official rule language for shore based shark fishing is not released yet, as the FWC legal department has not released final rule language.

We pushed for and got the change at the last minute to require the line to be cut, so this sent the official rule language back to their legal team.

But the summarized rules in the press release is the generic layman's language that you can work with.





FWC Commission addresses shore-based shark fishing concerns with new regulations/educational component

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission sent this bulletin at 02/20/2019 04:52 PM EST



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Suggested Tweet: The @MyFWC Commission approved rule changes for #shark #fishing that go into effect July 1, includes permit/educational component:

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLFFWCC/bulletins/2313056

FWC Commission addresses shore-based shark fishing concerns with new regulational-educational component

At its February meeting in Gainesville, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved changes to shark fishing regulations, including management changes for the shore-based shark fishery. Some minor changes to the original proposal were also made, as noted below. These rules are intended to increase survival of released sharks, improve information gathering for the fishery and address some of the public safety concerns related to the fishery.

The rule changes go into effect July 1, 2019, and include:

- Creating a mandatory, no-cost, annual shore-based shark fishing permit. (CHANGE: This permit will be required for all shore-based shark anglers age 16 and older, including those 65 and older who are normally exempt from needing a fishing license.)
- CHANGE: Requiring those under 16 to take the educational requirement associated with the permit unless they are fishing with an adult who already holds the permit.
 Prohibiting chumming when fishing for any species from
- the beach.
- Requiring immediate release of prohibited shark species when fishing from the shore. (CHANGE: Requiring anglers to cut the leader, line or hook to prevent delaying release of prohibited species).
- Requiring that prohibited shark species remain in the water (when fishing from shore or from a vessel).
- Requiring the use of non-offset, non-stainless-steel circle hooks to target or harvest sharks when using live or dead natural bait (when fishing from shore and from a vessel).
- Requiring the possession/use of a device capable of quickly cutting the leader or hook when targeting sharks (when fishing from shore or a vessel).
- Defining beach, chumming and shore-based shark fisher (CHANGE: includes changes to how shore-based shark fisher is defined).
- · Cleaning up and updating the summarial in

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From: Date: May 2, 2019 at 12:27:20 PM EDT To: Subject: RE: New official rule language

That's right, the rule itself was changed but they needed to write the actual text of the rule language with our legal staff (that part usually takes some time and we typically do that months in advance of rule proposals)

-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 12:24 PM To: Subject: Re: New official rule language

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We changed it!!!

On May 2, 2019, at 11:58 AM, wrote:

Hi,

Yes it is still being worked on (to my understanding) because it was changed at the Gainesville meeting but I will double-check and get back to you soon!

-----Original Message-----From: Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 11:15 AM To: Subject: New official rule language

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Hi,

Can you please help me find the link official new rule for LBSF? Is it possible it might not be released yet because we changed it in Gainesville? Thanks!