Quick summary of federal data collections from a management perspective

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Commercial data collections

What	Who	Report timing	Years
Before FMP	Everyone	No requirements	Before 1993
Logbooks & weigh outs	Permitted fishermen - Open access: 1993-1999 - Limited access: 1999- present	 Paper report mailed within 7 days after each trip No fishing reports monthly Different logbooks possible 	1993 - present
Dealer reports	Permitted dealers	Paper reports mailed every two weeks; No purchases reports every month	1993-2013
		Electronic report submitted every week; No purchases every month	2013-present
Observer coverage	Permitted fishermen	Voluntary	1993-2002
		Mandatory	2002-Present

Commercial quotas and retention limits See Table 9 in Management History

Years	Annual quota for LCS; split equally between regions	Retention limit (LCS, not hammerhead specific)
1993	2,436 mt dw	None
1994	2,436 mt dw	4,000 lb/trip
1995-1996	2,570 mt dw	
1997-2002	1,285 mt dw	
2003	783 mt dw	
2004-2007	1,107 mt dw	

Finning prohibited using 5% fin-to-carcass weight ratio



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Years	Annual quota	Retention limit (LCS, not hammerhead specific)	
2008-2012	677.8 mt dw for LCS; Regions established	33 non-sandbar LCS/trip for directed permit holders	
2013-2014	52.4 mt dw for hammerheads; quota	36 non-sandbar LCS/trip for directed permit holders	
2015-Present	linked with LCS	Default 45 non-sandbar LCS/trip; ranges from 0 to 55	

Finning prohibited with fins naturally attached requirement



Recreational Data Collections

Data Collection	States Covered	Years Active
MRIP (formerly MRFSS)	Maine to Mississippi	1981-present
	Louisiana	1981-2013
	Puerto Rico	2000-2017
Southeast Regional Headboat Survey	Florida to Texas	1997-present
Louisiana Creel	Louisiana	2014-present
Texas Parks and Wildlife	Texas	1983-present



Recreational bag and size limits See Table 10 in Management History

Years	Bag limit	Size limit
1993-1996	4 LCS or pelagic sharks/trip	None
1997-1999	2 LCS, SCS, or pelagic combined/trip	
2000-2012	1 LCS, SCS, or pelagic combined/trip	4.5 ft FL any shark (limited exceptions)
2013-Present		6.5 ft FL HH specific



^{*} In 2008: Finning prohibited with fins naturally attached requirement

Other important dates

- 2006: Dealers began attending mandatory workshops every 3 years to assist with shark species identification
- 2011: Implementation of ICCAT Recommendation 10-07 Prohibit the retention, transshipping, landing, storing, or
 selling of hammerhead sharks in the family Sphyrnidae
 (except for Sphyrna tiburo) caught in association with ICCAT
 fisheries; sale still allowed in directed shark fishery
- 2013: Hammerhead sharks listed on CITES Appendix II (trade monitored)
- 2017: Anglers required to obtain shark endorsement by watching video and taking quiz on shark identification and handling/release