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Title: Ban live mounts of all shark species (catch for the sole purpose of taxidermy/ mounting or marketing with no intention to retain) in order to reduce shark mortality due to charter fishing practices that ensure mount sales and dockside marketing and promote proper handling and release techniques for shark species to reduce mortality in catch & release scenarios.

Objective: The intended outcome of this action is to reduce shark mortality through the promotion of proper catch-and-release fishing techniques and to change federal law to ban live mounts.

Background: This recommended management action is being put forth in order to address the issue that many sharks that otherwise could be released after being caught are instead suffering mortality. This has the potential to increase shark populations and other apex predators that are currently overfished.

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