

Curbing the Global Fin Trade: 2019 Laws Banning the Sale of Shark Fins

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Shark Finning v. Shark Fin Trade

- **Shark Finning**

- The removal of a shark's fins at sea, often while the animal is still alive, and discarding the finned animal at sea
- Allowed to bring a shark to shore and cut off its fins to sell

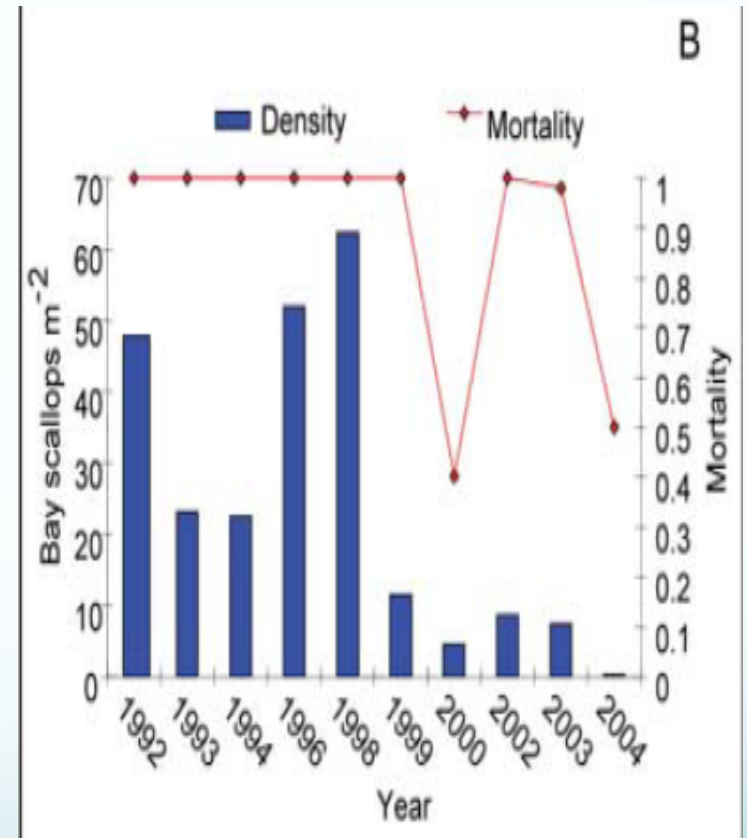
- **Shark Fin Trade and What Laws are Trying to do:**

- Prevent People From Selling Shark Fins
- Tries to curb the global shark fin trade



Importance of Sharks

- **Ecological Standpoint:**
 - Apex Predators
 - Regulate the Ocean
- **Economic Standpoint**
 - Shark Eco-Tourism
 - Harm to Local Economies



Canada

- **Existing Laws:**
 - 1994 Canada Made Shark Finning Illegal
- **New Laws:**
 - In 2019 Canada made it illegal to import or export shark fins
 - Regulated under Fisheries and Oceans Department
- **Why the Change?**
 - Awareness credited to Robert Stewart

United States

- **Existing:**
 - Prohibits Shark Finning.
 - Certain States Have Banned Shark Fin Sales (California)
 - Chinatown Neighborhood Association Case
- **New Proposed Law:** Prohibit Sale of Shark Fins
 - Under this new proposed law a person cannot sell a shark fin.
 - Under this new proposed law a person cannot bring a shark to the land and kill it to then sell the fins
 - Fine for this proposed new law is a civil penalty of \$100,000 or the fair market value of the fins, whichever is greater

The National Ban

- Will a national ban help stop the killing?
- USA Role in Global Fin Trade
 - NRDC Report
 - Savannah, Port of L.A., Port of Oakland, Port of Honolulu, Seattle Airport, and Miami Airport
- Driving Sales Underground
- Role of Shark Meat

