

**39th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2017****Reformatting Article 12 for consistency with the NAFO CEM**

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the Fisheries Commission adopted FC Doc. 16-11. Following the Annual Meeting the EDG reviewed the changes as they align with the NAFO CEM, and noted that the way in which the current text is drafted is not consistent with the rest of the NAFO CEM. Below are the draft changes proposed by the EDG for incorporation into the 2018 NAFO CEM.

Article 12 - Conservation and Management of Sharks***Duties of the Contracting Party*****1. Each Contracting Party shall:**

~~1. Contracting Parties shall~~ (a) report all catches of sharks, including available historical data, in accordance with the data reporting procedures set out in Article 28.

~~2. Contracting Parties shall~~ (b) prohibit the removal of shark fins on-board vessels.

~~Contracting Parties shall also~~ (c) prohibit the retention on-board, transhipment and landing of shark fins ~~fully detached from a separate to the~~ carcass.

~~2.3.~~ Without prejudice to paragraph 12, in order to facilitate on-board storage, shark fins may be partially sliced through and folded against the carcass, ~~but shall not be removed from the carcass before the first landing.~~

General Provisions

~~3.4.~~ No fishing vessel shall retain on board, tranship or land any fins harvested in contravention of these provisions.

~~4.5.~~ In fisheries that are not directed at sharks, each Contracting Party shall encourage every vessel entitled to fly its flag to release sharks alive, and especially juveniles, that are not intended for use as food or subsistence.

Research**5. Contracting Parties shall, where possible:**

~~(a) 6. Contracting Parties shall, where possible,~~ undertake research to identify ways to make fishing gear more selective for the protection of sharks.

~~(b) 7. Contracting Parties shall, where possible,~~ conduct research on key biological and ecological parameters, life-history, behavioural traits and migration patterns, as well as on the identification of potential mapping, pupping and nursery grounds of key shark species.

6. Contracting Parties shall provide the results of such research to the NAFO Secretariat.

