

Charge Statement: Peer Review of the Draft Recovery Plan for Oceanic Whitetip Shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*)

The purpose of this peer review is to evaluate the appropriateness and application of data used in the Draft Recovery Plan, and to evaluate adequacy of the recovery actions and criteria.

We welcome comments on any aspect of the draft plan, but request that you focus your review on the following questions:

1. Is the threats assessment clear, accurate, and supported by the best available scientific and commercial information (you may refer to the Draft Oceanic Whitetip Shark Recovery Status Review Report, NMFS 2023a)?
2. Are the management units identified appropriately and justified adequately?
3. Are the draft recovery criteria scientifically appropriate and adequately justified for the species given the types and level of information available?
4. Are the draft recovery actions appropriate and sufficient?
5. Are there other recovery actions that should be considered for inclusion in the plan?
6. Is the estimated time to recovery informed by the best available scientific information?
7. Do recovery action priorities presented in the plan's Implementation Schedule reflect a biologically sound conservation approach for oceanic whitetip shark recovery?

You may also make suggested edits to the document in track changes using Microsoft Word.

Requirements of the Peer Review

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