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Dear Mr Routh

Following your letter dated 2nd November 2009 regarding listing of mako sharks on Appendix II of the C.M.S., hence listing on the EPBC Act at end January 2010 and our telephone conversation, I have attached many interesting and applicable articles on the short fin mako and the game fishing data that has been collected over the past 35 years of tag data.

The GFAA members do this tagging to help science at their own cost, which is very significant. This Fishing Industry contributes over 600 million dollars per year into the Australian Economy and supports many regional towns, tourism and general business. By withdrawing this specie from our members, you will greatly decrease this contribution and make many thousands of Australian citizens very angry.

This action will have no effect on the stock status of mako sharks which are very prevalent in the A.F.Z., including near coastal areas and the continental shelf.

This specie is a very important part of our sport as well as a very good food source.

Please read all the information provided and call me on 02 97922733 if you have any queries.

I urgently request you meet with me to discuss this matter to enable an exemption under S303A of the Act for our members. Please contact me in the very near future to discuss this issue further.

Regards

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