



# What To Do If You Catch a Tagged Shark

## Step 1: Data Collection

Record the following information at the time of capture:



Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Location caught (Latitude and Longitude preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fork  | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole   | <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total | <input type="checkbox"/> Measured  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dressed | <input type="checkbox"/> Measured  |

Capture Gear: \_\_\_\_\_

Returned by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check **one** of the following:

- Released alive with the same tag
- Released alive with a new tag - please record the new tag number \_\_\_\_\_
- Released alive without a tag
- Shark was not released alive

Condition of shark if released  Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

If you are keeping the shark, please see "Request for Backbones of Recaptured Sharks"

## Step 2: Reporting a Recaptured Shark

Please collect the information above, and do **one** of the following:

- Call toll free 877-826-2612 or 401-782-3320
- Email: [sharkrecap@noaa.gov](mailto:sharkrecap@noaa.gov)
- Use our online reporting form: [www.nefsc.noaa.gov/sharktagreport](http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/sharktagreport)
- Send this form to: Cooperative Shark Tagging Program  
NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service  
28 Tarzwell Drive  
Narragansett, RI 02882-1199 USA



After receipt of this information, you will receive a report on the original release and a hat to thank you for your participation.

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