

Email sent to Senators
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To all Senators.

I am writing this to make you aware of the false allegations by some Green groups who are trying and succeeding to see the demise of all Commercial Fishing activity in Australian waters.

The latest allegations that the Scalloped Hammerhead Shark is near extinction in the Great Barrier Reef Marine park, these allegations are totally incorrect the Commercial sector does not target this species so the Managers will not see big catches reported in the logs, but we do catch some when we are targeting other species they are incidental catches.

However, if these were to be put on the endangered species list, we see it as being the start to the demise of the inshore net fishery with pressure to close the whole Fishery and using the Shark as the tool to do this not mention the Fines that would be associated with having one of these in your procession accidentally.

We are appealing for the Senate to support the disallowance motion that has been put up for your consideration, after all we are just try to produce healthy food for our nation to eat.

It is evident that certain sectors of our community have the belief that Fisherman are environment vandals, little do they know we are bigger environmentalist than them, as our livelihood depend on us looking after our own back yard.

There are a lot of associated businesses along these Coastal towns that rely on these producers for supply of fresh Seafood to sell to the consumers who cannot catch their own Fish and our Tourists that come to these regions.

I do hope this does not fall on deaf ears and you can see how wrong these motions are there is a lot of livelihoods that you guys are holding in your decisions.

Regards,

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