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Improved Understanding of Interactions between Sharks and Longline Fisheries Benefits Both Fishing Industry and Sharks

Honolulu, 4 September 2007 – Interactions between sharks and pelagic longline fisheries are causing ecological, economic and social problems.

Studies, announced today by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, indicate that

- (i) Action is needed to develop methods to deter sharks from taking hooked fish from longline gear to benefit sharks and the fishing industry; and
- (ii)

