

## 6.0 OBJECTIVES

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The following are objectives of this FMP.

Objective 1: Prevent overfishing of shark resources.

Objective 2: Encourage management of shark stocks throughout their ranges.

Objective 3: Establish a shark resource data collection, research, and monitoring program.

Objective 4: Increase the benefits from shark resources to the U.S. while reducing waste, consistent with the other objectives.

The five Councils requested that the FMP:

- Halt the expansion of the commercial fishery.
- Establish a bag limit in the recreational fishery.
- Eliminate the finning problem.
- Start a shark resource data collection program.

These goals are contained in the objectives of the FMP and are addressed in the management measures (Section 7).