

Council Regulation (EC) No 520/2007 of 7 May 2007 laying down technical measures for the conservation of certain stocks of highly migratory species and repealing Regulation (EC) No 973/2001

TITLE III

**TECHNICAL MEASURES APPLICABLE IN AREA 2**

CHAPTER 2

**Species not targeted**

*Article 19*

**Sharks**

1 [F<sup>1</sup>A fisheries administration must do its] utmost to encourage the release of live sharks caught accidentally, in particular juveniles.

2 [F<sup>2</sup>A fisheries administration must] encourage the reduction of discards of sharks.

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in Art. 19(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy and Aquaculture \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/753\)](#), regs. 1, **15(12)(a)** (as substituted by [S.I. 2019/1312](#), regs. 1(2), **9(3)(b)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

**F2** Words in Art. 19(2) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Common Fisheries Policy and Aquaculture \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/753\)](#), regs. 1, **15(12)(b)** (as substituted by [S.I. 2019/1312](#), regs. 1(2), **9(3)(b)(iii)**; 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

*Article 20*

**Sea turtles**

1 [F<sup>3</sup>A fisheries administration must do its] utmost to reduce the impact of fishing on sea turtles, in particular by applying the measures provided for in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

2 The use of all fishing gear shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a appropriate handling, including the recovery or prompt release of sea turtles caught accidentally (by hooks or nets) or as by-catch;
- b the presence on board of equipment necessary for the release of sea turtles caught accidentally or as by-catch.

3 The use of the purse seine shall be subject to the following conditions:

- a an obligation to avoid, where possible, encircling sea turtles;
- b the development and application of specifications for appropriate gear for minimising by-catches of sea turtles;
- c the adoption of all the measures necessary for releasing encircled or caught sea turtles;

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- d the adoption of all the measures necessary for monitoring fish-aggregating devices in which sea turtles could be caught, to release those taken and recover devices that are not used.
- 4 The use of longlines shall be subject to the following conditions:
- a the development and putting in place of combinations of hook shapes, type of lures, depth and design of nets and fishing practices to minimise accidental catches or by-catches and mortality of sea turtles;
  - b the presence on board of equipment necessary for releasing sea turtles caught accidentally or as by-catch, including tools for unhooking them or cutting the lines and landing nets.

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