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## **VIMS Shark Longline Annual Report - 2016**

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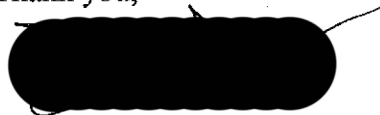
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October 10, 2016

Mr. Cockrell,

Enclosed you will find the Annual Report for our shark tagging program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, (Permit # SHK-LOA-16-07). I have only enclosed the hard copy of the Annual Report for this purpose. You should have already received a scanned signed copy of the report as well as all of our interim reports from 2016. Please contact me if you need any additional information or clarification on these reports. Thank you again for issuing our LOA permit and I hope to continue our survey and tagging program next year.

Thank you,



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## Highly Migratory Species EFP, SRP, and Display Permit ANNUAL Report

This form is mandatory for all HMS exempted fishing, scientific research, and display permit holders; voluntary for all letter of acknowledgment permit holders. Please complete this form within 30 days of the expiration of your permit and mail to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Craig Cockrell, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Permit Number: SHK-LOA-16-07

Vessel Name: R/V Bay Eagle

Authorized Sampler (print): Jameson Gregg

Was NMFS funding used to collect these specimens? (Circle one) Yes ☒ No

Certification: I certify that the information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW.

Name of Permit Holder/Associate (print): Robert Latour

Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/10/2016

Species (Common Name)		Total Number Caught	Total Number Kept		Total Number Discarded		Total Number Tagged
			Alive	Dead	Alive	Dead	
Billfish	Blue Marlin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	White Marlin	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longbill Spearfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantic Sailfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Billfish Unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Billfish Larvae	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swordfish	Swordfish	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Swordfish Larvae	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuna	Bluefin Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Yellowfin Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bigeye Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Albacore Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Blackfin Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Skipjack Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tuna Unspecified	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Tuna Larvae	0	0	0	0	0	0
Large Coastal Sharks	Sandbar	402	0	0	394	8	380
	Silky	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tiger	14	0	0	13	1	13
	Blacktip	28	0	0	11	17	10
	Spinner	21	0	0	14	7	13
	Bull	4	0	0	4	0	4
	Scalloped Hammerhead	2	0	0	2	0	2
	Lemon	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nurse	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Great Hammerhead	1	0	0	1	0	1
	Other:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small Coastal Sharks	Finetooth	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Bonnethead	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Blacknose	15	0	0	11	4	10
	Atlantic Sharpnose	238	0	10	104	124	87
Pelagic Sharks	Blue	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Porbeagle	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Oceanic Whitetip	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Common Thresher	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Shortfin Mako	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prohibited Sharks	Sand Tiger	34	0	0	34	0	34
	Bigeye Thresher	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Night	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dusky	12	0	0	8	4	8
	Atlantic Angel	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other: <u>GREAT WHITE</u>	2	0	0	1	1	1
Protected Resources	Turtles (sp. ---)	2	0	0	2	0	0
	Other:	0	0	0	0	0	0

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