

# 4 Requirements for returning sharks to the sea (Schedule 6)

Schedule 6 of the Fisheries Act 1996 sets out QMS species that may be returned to the sea, so long as they are returned to the sea ALIVE.

MPFI has made changes to Schedule 6 for several species. The changes are as follows:

Sharks may be returned to the sea ALIVE. The following species are included in Schedule 6:

• 5LJ  
• School shark

Live release only

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## SUMMARY OF OPTIONS BY SPECIES OF SHARK

SPECIES		LIVE RETURN	Destination Code	Balanced with ACE	DEAD RETURN	Destination Code	Balanced with ACE
School shark	SCH	Yes	X	No	Only observer- authorised discards	J	Yes
Rig	SPO	Yes	X	No	Only observer- authorised discards	J	Yes
Mako shark	MAK	Yes	X	No	Yes	Z	Yes
Porbeagle shark	POS	Yes	X	No	Yes	Z	Yes
Blue shark	BWS	Yes	X	No	Yes	Z	Yes
Spiny dogfish	SPD	Yes	M	Yes	Yes	M	Yes