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Tiger sharks will never be in danger of depletion, nor worse, under current fishing methods worldwide. They mature very quick as far as sharks go, and the females are always much larger than the males, and probably mate with several males like many shark species during breeding season that helps genetic diversity, and have scores of pups each pregnancy, and frequently every few years, plus the pups are eating machines upon birth. They can dive very deep in the ocean as seen on film from ROV's, plus hang out near the inshore reefs/beaches & are known in the early literature of the 20th century as "bank loafers" and love eating sea turtles of all sizes, and marine mammals of many sorts, plus sea birds. A keg of nails, a roll of tar paper and humans not normally consumed, but were found in some Tiger shark stomachs across history. Off Florida in the 1980's one of the shark fishing boats from my back yard caught a big Tiger and it had a pair of feet still in the shoes from a police officer as we later learned who was fishing offshore with 3 other policemen in a private boat, and they all disappeared.

The facts of science are ignored as needed to send the emotional concern of "Extinction" to the heart and/or brains of those folks targeted by the "do-gooder type folks" in my humble opinion with an obvious agenda of protecting all animals from all humans. Some folks like myself dig deeper and can get past the sound bites/bytes of misinformation campaign with the NGO preservationists entrenched around the world for quite a while now. I am trying to stick to the facts as much as I can convey publicly the realty of the past, present and perhaps even the future.

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Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Advisory Committee FL member
ACCSP Biological Review Panel (BRP) member
ACCSP Bycatch Prioritization Committee (BPC) member
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Coastal Shark (CS) Advisory Panel (AP) FL Commercial & For-hire recreational member [former Chair of CS AP]
ASMFC Bluefish AP FL Commercial member
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Highly Migratory Species (HMS) AP Commercial Shark member 2019-2021
NMFS HMS SouthEast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) AP Pool member 2016-2021
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) SEDAR AP Pool member no term limits
SAFMC Fisheries Citizen Science Program Participant 2016-2019
SAFMC Mackerel-Cobia AP FL Commercial member 2018-2021
SAFMC Snapper-Grouper (SG) AP FL Commercial member 2015-2021
SAFMC System Management Plan (SMP) Workgroup FL Commercial member 2018-2021
SAFMC Marine Protected Area (MPA) Expert Work Group (EWG) participant 2012-2013
Former SAFMC MPA AP FL Commercial member
Former NMFS Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team FL participant (ALWTRT)
Former NMFS Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team FL participant (BDTRT)
Participant, observer and/or contributor to US coastal shark stock assessments during 1992, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010-2015, and 2017.
Participant, observer and/or contributor SEDAR 11 (Large Coastal Sharks), 13 (Small Coastal Sharks), 16 (King Mackerel), 19 (Red Grouper/Black Grouper), 21 (Large Coastal Sharks/Small Coastal Sharks), 24 (Red Snapper), 25 (Black Sea Bass/Golden Tilefish), 28 (Spanish Mackerel/Cobia), 29 (Gulf Blacktip Sharks), 32 (Gray Triggerfish/Blueline Tilefish), 34 (Atlantic Sharpnose Sharks/Bonnethead Sharks), 36 (Snowy Grouper), 38 (King Mackerel), 39 (Smoothhound Sharks), 41 (Red Snapper/Gray Triggerfish), 50 (Blueline Tilefish), 53 (Red Grouper), 54 (Sandbar Sharks), 56 (Black Sea Bass), 65 (Atlantic Blacktip Sharks) and SEDAR 66 (Golden Tilefish).

