SHARK TRUST PETITION

Stop permitting shark fin removal at sea:

We the undersigned support the Early Day Motion as sponsored by cross party MPs which supports the Sharks Trust's call for the UK government to cease the provision of Special Fishing Permits, which allow the removal of shark fins at sea, thus complying with the original intent of the EU Shark Finning Regulation ((EC) No:1185/2003).

That this House notes that over 70% of UK sharks, skates and rays are categorised by IUCN as Threatened or Near Threatened with extinction, and the recent publication of the European Community Plan of Action for Sharks, and the context of EU legislation prohibiting the removal of shark fins at sea ((EC) No:1185/2003); believes the UK Government should build on the foundation of previous shark conservation actions and lead the way in Europe as a champion of shark conservation, promptly implementing effective shark conservation and management measures; further believes that, on no occasion should the UK government approve any derogation from the shark finning legislation in order to allow UK-registered vessels to remove shark fins at sea; further urges the Government to lead the way in Europe by ceasing provision of special permits to remove shark fins at sea, thus enforcing the original intention of the shark finning legislation, and supporting improved shark fisheries monitoring, management and conservation measures.

Sponsored by: Martin Horwood (Liberal Democrats), Richard Benyon (Conservative) and Russell Brown (Labour)

Petition to be presented to Mr Huw Irranca-Davies Minister for Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs.

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