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Dear Ms Leane

Seafood Industry Victoria (SIV) appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the Victorian Fisheries Authority proposal to introduce a minimum size limit of 120cm for Mako shark species. Noting the size limit would apply to all species of Mako shark.

We note that Mako shark currently fits within the overarching shark category which is subject to a bag possession limit of 1 per species, SIV supports this continuing.

We support the proposed 120cm minimum size limit for Mako sharks for recreational fisher, noting this is not being applied to the commercial fishing sector. We support the sustainable harvest of shark in Victoria and appreciate the support for commercial shark fishing from Victorian commercial licence holders.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

Johnathon Davey Executive Director