



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-03019**

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DATE: **NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **SEAN CASEY**

Response by the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Certain imported goods

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

The Government of Canada recognizes that sharks are a critical component of the ecosystem; and that shark finning has a devastating impact on shark species. In recognition of this, since 1994, measures have been in place through licence conditions pursuant to the *Fisheries Act* to conserve shark species and end shark finning in Canadian waters, as well as by Canadian fishing vessels on the high seas. Furthermore, since March 2018, all Canadian-caught sharks must be landed in port with their fins naturally attached. This measure is considered to be the global best practice to deter shark finning.

Canada is supportive of trade in products that originate from legitimate and sustainable fisheries and will continue to work within numerous international organizations, including regional fisheries management organizations and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, to that end.