

**Migratory Species Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab M**

Agenda Item IV: Presentation on Migratory Species Shark Assessment and Management Strategies

Timeline Status: Presentation and information

Council input and next steps: Dr. Enric Cortés (SEFSC) and Ms. Karyl Brewster-Geisz (HMS) will provide a presentation outlining the shark stock assessment process and management strategies. Sharks present a unique management challenge due to their highly migratory behavior, life history variety between species, vulnerability to overfishing, and lack of fisheries data. Recently, public commenters have indicated that several shark species are increasing resulting in high levels of depredation of targeted finfish species. The Committee should review the meeting materials, ask questions of presenters, and provide suggestions for shark management in the Gulf.
