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Status Review of the Scalloped Hammerhead Shark

Evaluate the adequacy, appropriateness and application of data used in the Status Review document.

1. In general, does the Status Review include and cite the best scientific and commercial information available on the species, its biology, stock structure, habitats, threats, and risks of extinction?
2. Are the scientific conclusions factually supported, sound, and logical?
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4. Are uncertainties assessed and clearly stated?

Evaluate the findings made in Appendix I – Assessment of Extinction Risk for the Scalloped Hammerhead Shark.

1. Are the results of the Distinct Population Segment Analysis supported by the information presented?
2. Are the methods used for the Extinction Risk Analysis valid and appropriate?
3. Are the results and conclusions of the Extinction Risk Analysis supported by the information presented?

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