

Charge statement to peer reviewers:

Reviewer,

Thank you for agreeing to peer review the draft biological review team (BRT) report concerning the northeastern Pacific population of white sharks. Please make your comments in track changes in the document.

The purpose of the review is to assess the scientific validity of the report, including any assumptions, methods, results and conclusions. Specific aspects of the review will vary, but may include: quality of the data collected or used for the assessment, appropriateness of the analyses, validity of the results and conclusions, and appropriateness of the scope of the assessment (e.g., were all relevant data and information considered).

When the final version of the status review is made public, the review, the reviewers' identity, and any NMFS response will be made publicly available. While reviewers' names will be identified they will not be linked to specific comments. As a government agency, NMFS must follow certain guidelines for transparency and public accountability.

If possible, it would be helpful to receive your comments within two weeks. The report with Appendices is over 160 pages. The first section is a summary of the petitions submitted to NOAA. The main body of the risk analyses is in section 4 so it is here that your comments would be most valuable and appreciated.

Also, please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions regarding the content of the report or need any clarification.

Thank you again for helping with this review. We realize that you are busy and really appreciate you taking the time.

Sincerely,

Heidi Dewar, on behalf of the BRT