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Amendment 10 to the Pelagics Fishery Management Plan is contained in the Council's Coral Reef Ecosystems (CRE) Fishery Management Plan. This amendment prohibits fishing for Pelagic Management Unit Species in the CRE Plan's no-take areas. For a complete background description and analysis of Amendment 10, please see the Coral Reef Ecosystems Fishery Management Plan.

Amendment 10 to the Pelagic FMP

It is prohibited to harvest the pelagic management unit species listed in Table 5.3, and all future additions to the pelagic MUS list, in no-take marine protected areas designated in the Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP, and in any marine protected areas that may be designated by amendment to the Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP. The locations of the no-take MPAs are:

- (1) federal waters shallower than 10 fathoms in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands; and,
 - (2) federal waters shallower than 50 fathoms around Jarvis Island (0°23' S, 160°01' W), Howland Island (0°48' N, 176° 38' W), Baker Island (0° 13' N, 176°38' W), Kingman Reef (6°23' N, 162°24' W), Laysan Island (25° 45' N, 171°45' W), French Frigate Shoals (23° 45' N, 166°15' W), the Northern half of Midway Atoll (28° 14' N, 177° 22' W), and Rose Atoll (14° 33' S, 168° 09' W).

The Council also recommends that the Pelagic FMP be amended to specifically identify only the nine pelagic shark species that are to remain as Pelagic MUS. In doing so, all other oceanic sharks belonging to the families Alopiidae, Carcharhinidae, Sphymidae, and Lamnidae will be removed from the Pelagic MUS list at that time. The Council further recommends that all coastal shark species belonging to these families are to be managed under the CRE-FMP. Therefore, the Pelagic FMP is amended to:

- (1) Remove all species of shark belonging to the families Alopiidae, Carcharhinidae, Sphyrnidae, and Lamnidae from the Pelagic MUS list except for the nine shark species listed in Table 5.3.
- (2) Remove dogtooth tuna (*Gymnosarda unicolor*) from the Pelagic MUS list. (*Gymnosarda unicolor* is to be managed under the CRE-FMP.)

Table 5.3: Pacific Pelagic management unit species list, as amended.

Scientific Name	English Common Name	<u>Scientific Name</u>	English Common Name
Coryphaena spp.	Mahimahi (dolphinfishes)	<u>Isurus oxyrinchus</u>	Shortfin mako shark
Acanthocybium solandri	<u>Wahoo</u>	<u>Isurus paucus</u>	Longfin mako shark
Makaira mazara: M. indica	Indo-Pacific blue marlin Black marlin	Lamna ditropis	salmon shark
Tetrapturus audax	Striped marlin	Thunnus alalunga	<u>Albacore</u>
T. angustirostris	Shortbill spearfish	T. obesus	Bigeye tuna
Xiphias gladius	<u>Swordfish</u>	T. albacares	Yellowfin tuna
Istiophorus platypterus	<u>Sailfish</u>	T. thynnus	Northern bluefin tuna
Alapias pelagicus	Pelagic thresher shark	Katsuwonus pelamis	Skipjack tuna
Alopias superciliousus	Bigeye thresher shark	Euthynnus affinis	<u>Kawakawa</u>

Alopias vulpinus	Common thresher shark	<u>Lampris spp</u>	<u>Moonfish</u>
Carcharhinus falciformis	Silky shark	Gempylidae	Oilfish family
<u>Carcharhinus</u> <u>longimanus</u>	Oceanic whitetip shark	family Bramidae	<u>Pomfret</u>
Prionace glauca	Blue shark	Auxis spp, Scomber spp; Allothunus spp	Other tuna relatives