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MEMORANDUM

TO: Andy Garman, Town Manager
FROM: P. Hale, Chief of Police
DATE: July 11, 2024
RE: Request to Add Section Under Town Code of Ordinances Chapter 8 (Beaches and Waterways) Regarding Shark Fishing

It is my recommendation to add a section under the Town's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, (Beaches and Waterways), that would cover shark fishing or attraction of sharks during our peak season. This ordinance would regulate any person from fishing in the town limits, whether from the shoreline or an erected pier, to target sharks. This would not prevent regular fishing practices that are currently done from these locations, except to those who bait or lure sharks adjacent to the waters of town.

It is requested this ordinance be added to Ch. 8 Article I. – In General, as a misdemeanor or civil offense. If adopted this would be listed as Sec. 8-10, which is reserved for future changes.

I have drafted the language below for your review.

Ordinance Language: Baiting or Attracting Sharks Prohibited

- (a) No person fishing from a pier or the shore within the town limits shall bait or cause to be used any bait which attracts sharks of any type to the shores or piers. This section shall not prevent regular and normal fishing now done on piers and shores of the town, except to the extent it affects the baiting and luring of sharks to the waters of the town.
- (b) This prohibition shall be in effect beginning 9:00 am to 5:00 pm from May 1 through October 31.

I will be available at the August BOC meeting for any questions the Board may have.