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I. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this procedure is to have a consistent method in handling shark during sea water operations adapted by Rell and Renn Fishing Corporation (RRFC).

II. SCOPE

This includes the action for the conservation and management of sharks.

III. DEFINITION

3.1 Discard – letting go or throwing away of something.

IV. AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The General Manager, Fishing Operations Head, and RRFC Operations Team shall be responsible in ensuring that this policy is properly communicated, implemented and understood by the organization.

4.2 The Quality Assurance Department shall be responsible in verifying and updating this procedure.

V. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

5.1 Shark finning (the retention of fins and discard of the remaining carcass at sea) is an abhorrent practice which contravenes various international rules and regulations, including:

5.1.1 The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and its International Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks.


5.1.2 The resolutions of a number of other international marine bodies, all of which call for minimizing waste and discards.

5.1.3 Shark-related conservation and management measures of the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) that restrict finning, regardless of fishing vessel gear type, through a provision that the weight of fins landed cannot exceed 5% of the total shark catch on board.

5.1.4 The legislation of several countries requiring that fins remain naturally attached to shark bodies.

5.2 As a responsible member of the fishing community, fully supportive of RFMO management measures and the conservation of marine life, RELL & RENN FISHING CORPORATION:

5.2.1 Condemns the practice of shark finning as defined above.

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- 5.2.2 Calls on RFMO's to improve their management of shark fisheries by prohibiting shark finning, requiring full retention of shark species (excepting those prohibited or released alive), and adopting the mandatory reporting of shark catches by species.
- 5.2.3 Prohibits the practice of shark finning on-board its own vessels and those of its subsidiary companies.
- 5.2.4 Will not transact business with any vessel that has been identified by an RFMO or national authority to have practiced shark finning. Such ban shall continue for a period of two consecutive years from the date of the relevant finding by the RFMO or national authority.
- 5.2.5 With effect from September 1st 2012, will not transact business with any company that has no public policy prohibiting hark finning.

5.3 RELL & RENN FISHING CORPORATION and all vessel name does not permit aboard its vessels the practice of shark finning, which is defined as the removal and retention of any shark fins while discarding the remainder of the shark at sea and requires that all shark are if retained, stored and landed with fins naturally attached.


5.4 For the purpose of this measure the following fins naturally attached definition from the [MSC 3.0 standard](#) will be used: "A policy that requires all retained sharks to be landed with their fins still attached to the carcass by prohibiting the removal of shark fins on board vessels as well as the prohibition of retaining onboard, transshipping or landing removed shark fins."

5.5 This statement is posted visibly onboard in every tuna fishing vessel of the RELL & RENN FISHING CORPORATION fleet in all languages commonly spoken onboard.

This policy was adopted on April 1, 2024.

VI. HISTORY OF REVISION

Issue/Revision No.	Effective Date	Reasons/ Details
1/0	January 2021	Initial Release
1/1	December 01, 2022	- Alignment of the policy to the Document Control System.

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		- Inclusion of 5.3 statement. - Inclusion of signatories
1/02	October 5, 2023	- Change the signatories
1/03	July 9, 2024	- Update the policy based on the current requirements.