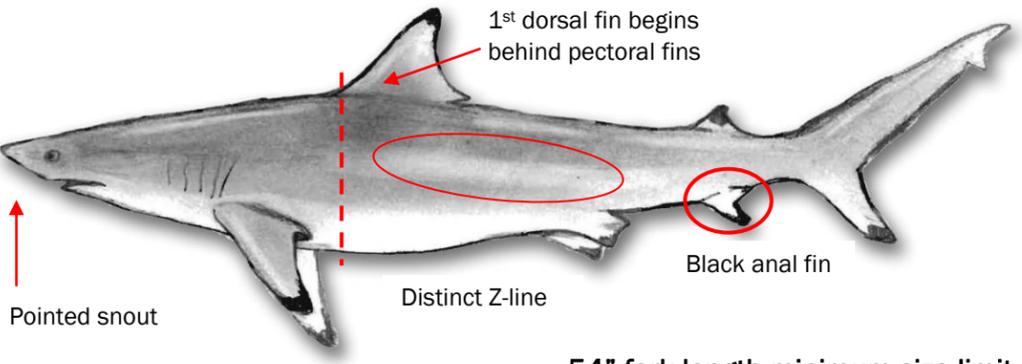
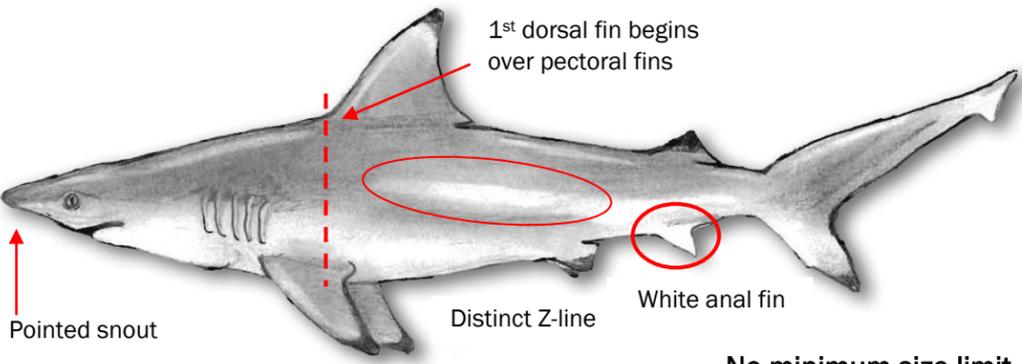
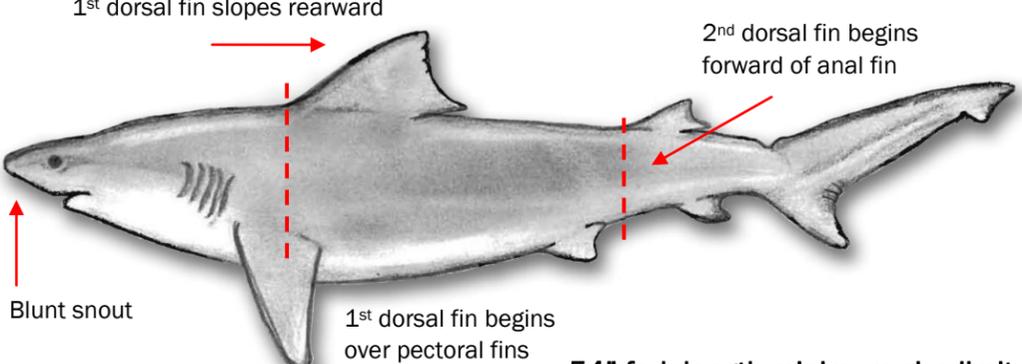
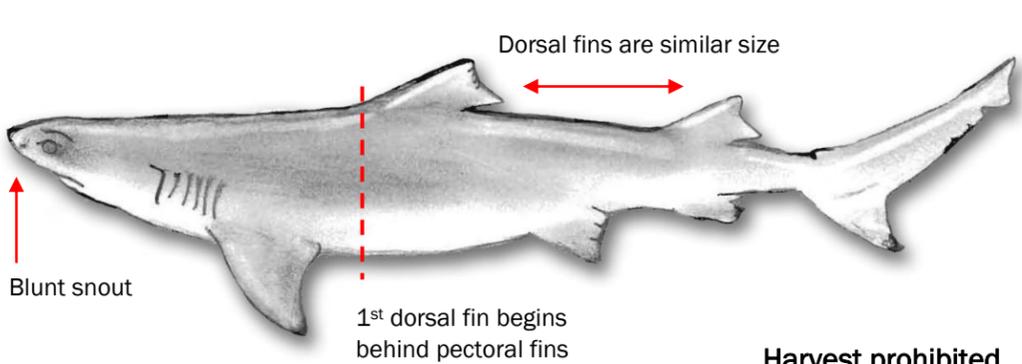


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Note: These 4 sharks all have smooth backs with no ridge

Species	Description	Identification
<p>Spinner Shark <i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i></p>	<p>Snout is pointed</p> <p>1st dorsal fin originates behind pectoral fins</p> <p>Anal fin has black tip</p> <p>Distinctive wedge-shaped band (Z-line) on sides</p>	 <p>Pointed snout</p> <p>1st dorsal fin begins behind pectoral fins</p> <p>Distinct Z-line</p> <p>Black anal fin</p> <p>54" fork length minimum size limit</p>
<p>Blacktip Shark <i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i></p>	<p>Snout is pointed</p> <p>1st dorsal fin originates over pectoral fins</p> <p>White anal fin</p> <p>Distinctive wedge-shaped band (Z-line) on sides</p>	 <p>Pointed snout</p> <p>1st dorsal fin begins over pectoral fins</p> <p>Distinct Z-line</p> <p>White anal fin</p> <p>No minimum size limit</p>
<p>Bull Shark <i>Carcharhinus leucas</i></p>	<p>Snout is blunt</p> <p>Stocky body</p> <p>1st dorsal fin is rearward-sloping and originates over pectoral fins</p> <p>Fins on smaller sharks may be black-tipped</p>	 <p>1st dorsal fin slopes rearward</p> <p>Blunt snout</p> <p>1st dorsal fin begins over pectoral fins</p> <p>2nd dorsal fin begins forward of anal fin</p> <p>54" fork length minimum size limit</p>
<p>Lemon Shark <i>Negaprion brevirostris</i></p>	<p>Snout is blunt</p> <p>Dorsal fins nearly equal in size</p> <p>1st dorsal fin originates behind pectoral fins</p> <p>Yellowish-green to olive-gray in color</p>	 <p>Blunt snout</p> <p>1st dorsal fin begins behind pectoral fins</p> <p>Dorsal fins are similar size</p> <p>Harvest prohibited</p>

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