TO:                  COUNCIL CHAIR DONALD HANSEN
FROM:               DONNA PANTO
SUBJECT:            THRESHER SHARK

Donald Hansen and all others involved at the San Diego Meeting:

While all of you are making decisions on Recreational and Hook & Line Thresher Shark, please remember that there is a non-target Gillnet Fishery that targets Barracuda and White Sea Bass. While fishing these species our net fishermen incidentally catch Thresher Shark. Some of the fishermen use set nets. Some of the fishermen use drift nets. When there is a run of Thresher Shark, while the fishermen are fishing Barracuda, and/or White Sea Bass, these men will catch Thresher.

Fishermen are allowed 10 Thresher per day on an incidental catch with undersize nets (non-target nets). The Thresher Shark Stock is healthy. Gillnet Fishermen’s take number is very low. All of us could use an increase on our catch number.

Just a reminder letter I’m sending, since Thresher Shark is on the agenda.

Please do not economically impact the non-target net fishermen with any decisions needing to make on targeting groups concerning the Thresher Sharks.

Thank You,

Donna Panto
Program Manager