

Supplementary Table 2

Sample sizes of geographic-zone and regulatory-period groupings for blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*) examined for this study and recorded in the U.S. Atlantic pelagic longline fishery during the period 1992–2008. An asterisk (*) denotes a sample size of less than 100 individuals. A superscript ^a denotes a grouping that was excluded from the interaction effects analysis. The geographic zones are Caribbean (CAR), Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Florida east coast (FEC), Mid-Atlantic Bight (MAB), north central Atlantic (NCA), northeast coastal (NEC), northeast distant (NED), South Atlantic Bight (SAB), Sargasso Sea (SAR), tuna north (TUN), and tuna south (TUS).

Geographic zone	Regulatory period		
	Before March 1993	March 1993– August 2004	After August 2004
CAR	898	5944	142
FEC	647	4273	570
GOM	31 ^{*a}	476 ^a	21 ^{*a}
MAB	15,312	98,303	12,434
NCA	432	9306	303
NEC	24,554	143,873	21,129
NED	55,288	317,944	71,248
SAB	1618	9563	933
SAR	445	1798	1108
TUN	375	8039	127
TUS	0 ^{*a}	2896 ^a	0 ^{*a}