Hello, good day/afternoon. My name is Julia and I’m a graduate student from Stanford University in the United States. I’d like to invite you to participate in a research study about hammerhead shark fishing. I’m going to ask you a series of informal questions to learn more about your experiences in the hammerhead fishery, and how its regulation affects your livelihood. The questions are anonymous; I won’t record your name. Your responses are completely confidential and none will be shared with authorities, competitors, or other members of the community. You may respond to only the questions you wish to and end the interview at any time. There are no correct answers; I simply would like to learn more about your experiences and opinions.

Would you like to participate?

First, I have some general questions about your fishing:

1. How old are you? When did you start fishing with high seas gillnets? Was that all from this port?

2. How long have you been targeting sharks? And hammerheads?

3. What are the species you capture most with gillnets? What other gear do you use, and for what species?

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4. What other sources of income do you have? What percentage of your annual income comes from each? Do the other members of your household have sources of income? What are they?

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5. What percent of your annual fishing income comes from sharks? And hammerheads?

Now, I have some questions about hammerhead sharks

6. From when you started fishing, has the average quantity of hammerheads you catch per trip
   a. increased,  decreased, or  no change (circle)
If changed: Why? What do you think caused this change?

7. When you started to fish, what size on average were the hammerheads you caught? (show with hands, and measure with measuring tape)

8. What size on average are the hammerheads you catch now?
   a. Do the sizes vary over the course of the year? Which months do you see big sharks? Which months do you see little sharks?

9. If the size is the same or smaller: That’s pretty small, no? Why do you think they’re so small/smaller than before?

10. Would you prefer to catch bigger hammerheads? Why aren’t you capturing bigger ones now?
    a. Is the price better when they’re big or small
    b. Is the flavor of the meat better when they’re big or small

11. The hammerheads you catch today, according to your size, do you think they’re adults or juveniles?

12. Which months do you go out to fish hammerheads?
13. Why those months?

14. When you’re fishing, what do you look for to know if there are hammerheads? (indicators, evidence)
   a. *If not mentioned, ask about: temperature, color of water, moon phases, currents/waves, substrate, distance from coast, islands*

15. Could you draw a circle on the map where you catch little hammerheads (blue)?
   - Where you catch big hammerheads (and which months) (black)
   - Where you caught hammerheads when you first started fishing (green)
   - Are there places where you fish with gillnets, and don’t catch hammerheads? (red)

**Now, I have some questions about the management of hammerheads**

16. Do you know that there’s a hammerhead ban? *During which months?*

17. *Are you for or against the ban? Why?*

18. *Have you changed your fishing behavior because of the ban? How?*

19. *If fishermen catch juvenile hammerheads, how do you think that affects the hammerhead population?*
   a. *If they mention pregnant females, also ask about that*
20. I understand that it’s impossible to avoid just one species with gillnets. What do you think could be another solution to help maintain the hammerhead shark fishery?

Finally, I have some questions about the sale of shark fins, and we’re talking now about all types of sharks, not just hammerheads.

21. If fins lose their value, would you keep fishing for sharks?
   a. i.e. is it economically viable to fish them just for their meat?

22. What’s your opinion of the regulation of the sale of shark fins?

23. Do you know why they’re regulating the sale of fins?

Do you have any questions or comments for me?