

S1 Table. Description of how condition index scores were assigned for released sharks.

Condition Index Score	Behavioral characterization
1: Good	Strong tailbeats, fast swimming and equilibrium upheld immediately upon release
2: Fair	Slow but consistent swimming immediately upon release, equilibrium upheld
3: Poor	Erratic or atypical swimming upon release, equilibrium mostly upheld
4: Very poor	Alive upon release, but weak or no swimming observed, inability to uphold equilibrium
5: Dead	Dead prior to release

Guidelines were first set by Hueter et al., (2006).