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## **New Conservation Regulation Addresses Shark Fishing**

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has implemented a new regulation regarding shark fishing. The regulation, signed by Commissioner M. Barnett Lawley, prohibits “chumming” or “bloodbaiting” for sharks within 300 feet of the shoreline or on a pier.

Chumming is defined as the throwing of bait or fish parts into the water to attract fish, while bloodbaiting is defined as the use of blood, chemical or synthetic attractants, fish parts, chicken parts or other animal parts to attract fish or sharks.

The regulation also makes it unlawful for any person to surf fish, bow fish or fish by any other means from any pier or beach in a manner that presents an unsafe condition to any beach goers, sunbathers, swimmers or any other person.

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