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Violent Video Of Boat Dragging Shark Sparks Outrage, Investigation

Florida conservation officials are working to identify the individuals in the video.

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Video of a speeding boat violently dragging a shark went viral on Monday. Now, conservation officials have launched an investigation to see if any laws were broken.

Conservation officials in Florida are investigating a shocking video that shows a speeding boat dragging a shark as a group of people onboard laugh.

Mark Quartiano, a renowned shark fisherman in Miami, shared the video Monday on Instagram with his 78,000 followers.

It shows a boat traveling at high speed while dragging a shark by a rope. Individuals can be seen laughing at the shark as it tosses violently in the boat's wake.

Quartiano told CBS 4 News that one of the people on the boat sent the video to him on Instagram looking for praise. The user also sent Quartiano pictures of the shark's carcass, according to local news station WESH 2.

Quartiano forwarded the video to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission after he received it.

"To drag a shark by the tail on a rope, it's not sporting. It's not," Quartiano told CBS 4 News. "It should be against the law."

It is unclear if the shark was alive in the video.

Warning: The footage below is graphic.

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