Outrage as laughing thugs drag live shark behind speedboat in sickening video footage

A live shark has been filmed being dragged behind a speed boat while a group of men laugh at it struggling to break free.

An investigation into the disturbing footage has been launched by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

In the sickening video footage the thugs can be heard laughing in the background with one gloating: "Look it’s already almost dead."

Local charter fishing Captain Mark ‘The Shark’ Quartiano said he was sent the video by one of the people on the boat.

Mr Quartiano posted the footage online on his Instagram account after viewing it with the caption: “FOR ONCE I MAY HAVE TO AGREE WITH @PETA”

Viewers have widely condemned the 11-second clip.

One wrote: "Those people are NOT human they are monsters and need to be behind bars where they belong karmas a b**** they’ll get theirs."

Another commented: “These people are subhuman.”

FWC spokesperson Robert Klepper told Local 10: "The FWC has been alerted to a video circulating on multiple social media sites showing a group of individuals traveling at high speed on the water dragging a shark behind the vessel.

“The FWC takes this very seriously and is currently investigating this incident. We are also attempting to identify the individuals in the video and where it took place.”