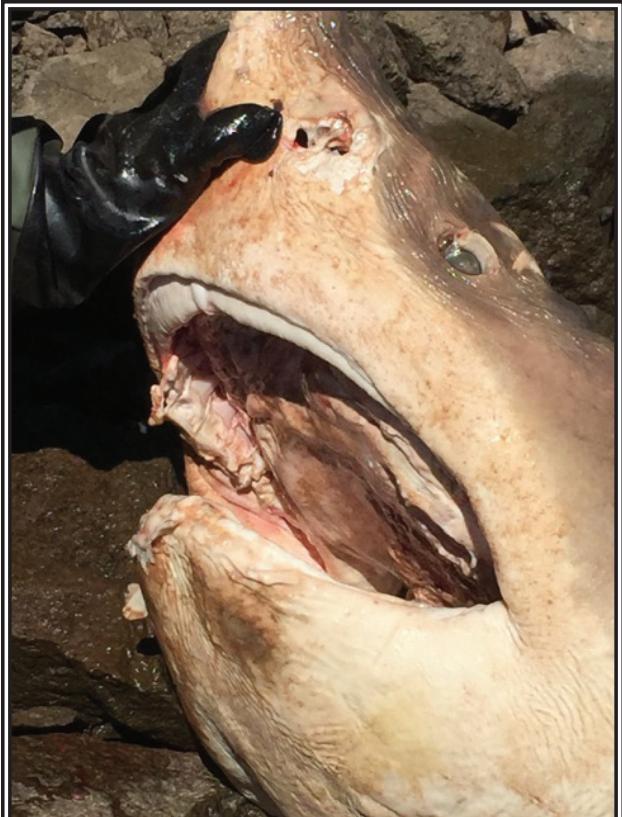


White Shark – One Year Later



With only his gloved hand showing, Robert Davis, holds open the mouth of the Great White Shark washed up on the shore in West Bay on July 30, 2015. (DNR Photo)

By Maurice Rees

Yes, it's one year later when a Great White Shark was found washed up on the shores of West Bay, near Parrsboro. The carcass was spotted on the shore by DNR staff flying in a helicopter doing unrelated work in the area.

The sighting was reported extensively in the Chronicle Herald and on CBC Radio on July 31, 2015, who each stated it was found in the Advocate Harbour area. Following up on the incident one year later, South Cumberland News is able to confirm the sighting was a fair distance from Advocate Harbour.

Checking with local residents, we learned the landing site was actually West Bay, on the Parrsboro side of the bluff of land from the FORCE site. The cottage owner, whose cottage fronts on the beach, where the Great White Shark was found would not meet. However, discussions with those knowledgeable with the situation said the shark was in West Bay, but in the area known locally as East Bay, nestled in the small cove within site of North Americas constantly operating fishing weir, now fished by Jerry Taylor.

Local residents have informed the South Cumberland News, very familiar with last year's incident said the day after the sighting the cottage owner was approached by two people seeking permission to cross their land to get to the beach. They also said the cottage owner was informed to keep the location quiet to prevent people from trying to get to the carcass before the necessary studies and samples were taken.

In those media reports, Warren Joyce, a shark specialist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, said, "I don't know for sure how it was killed, but I don't see any signs of fishing gear entangled around it. It looked like there was some injury to the right side of gills, so it could have been another large shark or killer whale that got it." The Great White Shark was listed as male about three metres long. It is predicted their life expectancy in the wild ranges from 20 to 60 years.

"It's a fairly large animal, right about the size where they start taking seals as their main



The tail of the Great White Shark appears as if it would be 5-6 feet tall if fully extended in the wild. Robert Davis, a DNR employee, holds up the tail on the beach in West Bay on July 30, 2015. (DNR Photo)



Robert Davis, forestry health officer with DNR, pictured with the Great White Shark on July 30, 2015. The three metre, male shark was found on the beach in East Bay, which forms part of West Bay. The site is actually on the Parrsboro side of the bluff on land from the FORCE site, even though other media reported its location in the Advocate Harbour area. (DNR Photo)



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