

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

June 23, 2022: Although there are several species of sharks that are common in the Gulf of Maine, in recent years there has been an increase in sightings of great white sharks here. The most common species of shark in the Gulf of Maine are spiny dogfish, blue shark, basking shark, shortfin mako, porbeagle, thresher, sand tiger shark and great white shark (listed in descending order of abundance). Great white sharks have been visiting the Gulf of Maine to feed for a long time. Cape Cod, in particular, has always been a hotspot for great white sharks due to the increasing seal population. Some scientists believe the sharks have widened their range further into the Gulf of Maine as competition for food in Cape Cod intensifies.

As summer arrives and people starting venturing into the water on the coast of Maine, the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has recently launched a new resource for people on the water or on the shore to confirm if what they see is a white shark. A form is available online that provides a convenient way to submit photos and a description of what you see to the Maine DMR science bureau (www.maine.gov/dmr). After your information has been received, a DMR scientist will review the information and any images you upload and will respond via email with information either confirming the species, or requesting additional information.

Sightings data gathered through this form will also be shared with the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy to be uploaded to their Sharktivity app. The app provides users with a recap of shark activity detected by acoustic receivers, in addition to shark sightings. Information can be found at www.atlanticwhiteshark.org.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us online at www.coastalfisheries.org.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder): \$4.30/lb.

Bait (frzn. redfish heads): \$37.50/50lbs.

Fuel (diesel): \$4.99/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy 1-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W - Frenchboro

Sea Surface Temperature: N/A

Bottom Temperature: 46.9°F (avg. for this date: 44.2°F)

Source: www.neracoos.org