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ACTIVITY: Fishing

CASE: GSAF 2011.02.13

DATE: Sunday February 13, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Coral Sea off Sunshine beach, Queensland, Australia.

NAME: Unknown

BACKGROUND

TIME: 10h40

NARRATIVE: He was fishing with his son off Sunshine Beach when they pulled the shark aboard. When the fisherman tried to unhook the shark from his line, it thrashed around and bit him.

INJURY: Lacerations to calf.

TREATMENT: He drove the boat back to shore after alerting Noosa Coastguard. He was met by an ambulance at Munna Point boat ramp and taken to hospital for treatment.

SPECIES: Not identified. The shark was one metre in length.

NOTE: This is a provoked accident; the shark was hooked. Provoked accidents occur when a shark is defending itself, as would any animal when it feels threatened. A provoked accident is not predatory nor is it indicative of a shark's usual behavior toward a human.

There are two reasons the GSAF logs provoked incidents:

- 1) When the species of sharks is known and we receive photographs of the bite. The photographs may be helpful in determining species involved in other accidents in which the shark was not seen or able to be identified.

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- 2) When the media refers to the accident as a “shark attack”. We record these so-called ‘attacks’ so that you don’t think we are slipping up and not covering all shark/human accidents.

Fisherman bitten unhooking shark

A FISHERMAN came off second best when he tangled with a small shark in his boat yesterday. The man and his son were reportedly fishing off Sunshine Beach when they pulled the metre-long shark aboard. When the man attempted to unhook the shark, it bit him on the calf.

Although bleeding heavily, he drove the boat back to shore after alerting Noosa Coastguard. He was met by an ambulance at Munna Point boat ramp and taken to hospital for treatment. Lifesavers also responded to reports of sharks in the Maroochy River yesterday.

The rescue helicopter crew flew over the area and reported seeing three sharks heading out to sea about 2.30pm.

In Western Australia, a tourist needed 50 stitches to his elbow after a shark attack. The 58-year-old Victorian was snorkelling about 50m off the Exmouth coast just before 5pm Saturday when the shark bit his arm.

SOURCE: Sunshine Coast Daily, Sunday February14, 2011,
<http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/story/2011/02/14/fisherman-bitten-unhooking-shark/>

Fisherman's shark catch bites back at Noosa *It was a case of the catch of the day fighting back.*

An angler at Noosa was rushed to Noosa Hospital by ambulance yesterday after he was bitten on the calf by a small shark.

The man was fishing with his son off Sunshine Beach when they pulled the shark, about 1m in length, aboard their small tinny at 10.40am. When the fisherman tried to unhook the shark from his line, it bit him.

A Queensland Ambulance Service spokesman said the man's injuries were minor. "It was a small shark, they caught it and it has thrashed about and grabbed a chunk of calf," he said. "It was a fairly minor laceration, to the best of my knowledge."

Although injured, the man was able to drive his boat back to shore to meet waiting paramedics at Munna Point boat ramp.

The incident was phoned in by the Noosa Volunteer Coast Guard.

SOURCE: Brooke Baskin, The Courier-Mail, February 14, 2011,
<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/fishermans-shark-catch-bites-back-at-sunshine-beach/story-e6freoof-1226005617068>