

ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.10.10

DATE: Monday October 10, 2011

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Pacific Ocean at "The Cove" in Seaside, Clatsop County, Oregon, USA.

NAME: Doug Niblack

DESCRIPTION: He was wearing a black neoprene wetsuit.

BOARD: A beige longboard with green and blue stripes

BACKGROUND

WEATHER: Astoria recorded overcast skies with intermittent light rain.

SEA CONDITIONS: Large surf

MOON PHASE: Waxing Gibbous, 98% of the Moon was illuminated. Full Moon, October 10, 2011.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 70 yards.

TIME: Afternoon

NARRATIVE: Doug Niblack and Jake Marks were surfing when the shark hit his board, knocking him off. Niblack landed on the shark. As he momentarily stood on the shark, it lifted him out of the water above his knees. Hooked on Niblack's surfboard leash, the shark pulled the surfer about three feet before disappearing. Niblack and Marks paddled rapidly to shore.

INJURY: The surfer was not injured.

SPECIES: The surfer saw the shark and believes it was a white shark, 10 to 12 feet in length.

SOURCES: Joe English, KATU News, October 11, 2011, <http://www.katu.com/news/local/131565073.html>

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The Cove



Doug Niblack and his surfboard

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