



ACTIVITY: Surfing

CASE: GSAF 2011.10.28.R

DATE: Reported October 28, 2011

LOCATION: The incident took place in the North Sea at Spey Bay, Moray, Scotland.

NAME: Andrew Rollo

DESCRIPTION: He is a 26-year-old male from Lossiemouth. He is a golf pro.

BACKGROUND

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 250 feet



Andrew Rollo

NARRATIVE: Rollo was surfing with about 10 friends when the fish bumped his board and thrashed around. He said: "The first I knew about it was when it was touching my leg - it was right there." The shark went over to 33-year-old Paul Gibson, a stonemason, who was only three metres away, then returned to Rollo who got off his board and kept it between himself and the shark — as did Gibson.

Rollo described the behavior of the shark as a fast mover - it was thrashing around and turning its body. It was in control of what was happening."

INJURY: None of the surfers were injured by the shark.

SPECIES: The shark was 8 to 10 feet in length. The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society's Charlie Phillips said: "It might have been a young basking shark or a porbeagle or shortfin mako. Some of these are quite inquisitive."

SOURCE: Daily Record, October 28, 2011, <http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/10/28/surfers-shock-at-close-encounter-with-8ft-killer-shark-in-mouth-of-the-spey-86908-23520336/>

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