

**ACTIVITY:** Surf Fishing  
**CASE:** GSAF 2016.12.06  
**DATE:** Tuesday December 6, 2016  
**LOCATION:** Merimbula, New South Wales, Australia.

**NAME:** Jesse Phillips  
**DESCRIPTION:** A 20-year-old male from Belmont.

**BACKGROUND**

**WEATHER:** The air temperature was 58°F  
**SEA CONDITIONS:** The seas surface temperature was 70°F, surf height was one foot, mean high tide occurred at 03h01, mean low tide at 08h32.  
**TIME:** 02h00

**NARRATIVE:** Jesse Phillips hooked the shark and was attempting to get it to shore when it wheeled around and bit his hand. He sustained more lacerations to his other hand while using it to force the shark's jaws open. His 17-year-old sister Maddie, who was accompanying him during the fishing session, helped her brother home.



**INJURIES:** Lacerations to both hands. No tendons were damaged.

**TREATMENT:** His mother, Terry, took him to the hospital where his injuries were repaired and he was discharged.

**SPECIES:** Thought to involve a wobbegong shark two metres in length.

**SOURCE:** Bay 93.9 Geelong, December 6, 2016  
<http://www.bay939.com.au/news/local-news/72457-shark-bites-geelong-fisherman-warning-disturbing-image>



**NOTE:** This was a provoked incident.