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Shark Encounter at Lovers Point Beach

Pacific Grove, California:

On August 10, 2022, at approximately 11:30 am a paddleboarder off of Lovers Point Beach had a shark encounter approximately 150 yards from the Lovers Point Pier. During the encounter, the shark swam underneath, turned, and bit the paddleboard device. The Pacific Grove resident and his dog were thrown off the board during the encounter. They were able to get back on the board and paddle to shore, uninjured.

The paddleboard device will be tested to determine the shark species.

The City of Pacific Grove is following the California State Parks protocol to close Lovers Point Beach and coastal access starting at the Sea Palm turnout.

The section of the coast will remain closed until Saturday, August 13, 2022.

Federal, state, local public agencies, and volunteers are clearing beaches and assisting visitors out of the local waters. The area will continue to be monitored during the closure.

We ask our community members and visitors, to contact local public safety agencies in the event of a shark encounter.

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