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## UNUSUAL HAMMERHEAD SHARK SIGHTINGS IN SAN DIEGO

Warm ocean temperatures bring a special marine species to San Diego

**La Jolla, CA** - Since experiencing warmer-than-normal ocean temperatures this month, there have been some unusual marine life sightings off the coast of San Diego. While out looking for the normal blue and mako sharks we have in Southern California, fisherman and shark diving operations have spotted several smooth hammerheads instead.

The 7-8 foot long female that we encountered on August 18th, 2014 stayed with us and circled our boat for 3 hours. Another hammerhead was sighted on August 21st, 2014 only 2 miles offshore San Diego.

Ranging from 3-20 feet long, hammerheads are generally considered species that prefer warmer, tropical water, where the water in San Diego is normally regarded as cold water, and previous recorded sightings of hammerheads in California have been associated with warm-water events.

Nick LeBeouf, co-founder of SD Expeditions and shark trip expedition leader, says, "We are often out on the boat offshore San Diego looking for the normal blue and mako sharks, so you could imagine our surprise when we started seeing smooth hammerheads. I have never seen a hammerhead here, and getting in the water with them was an exciting encounter, since they are larger than the normal sharks we dive with."

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