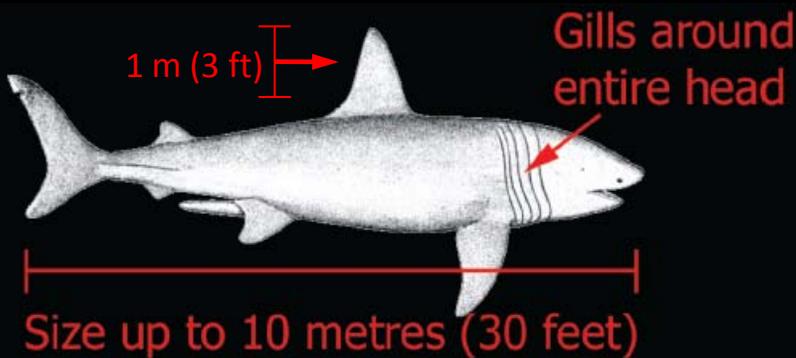


Have You Seen this Shark?



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Basking sharks are gentle giants that eat tiny animals called plankton. They used to be abundant off our coast but are now listed as a Species of Concern in the U.S. and as endangered in Canada. Scientists in the U.S., Canada and Mexico are collecting information on basking shark sightings to get a better understanding of their biology and current population size.



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Look for large gill slits, a pointed snout and mottled dark gray to brown coloration.

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