Understanding the Rewilding of Cape Cod: A curriculum unit for middle school learners



Introduction

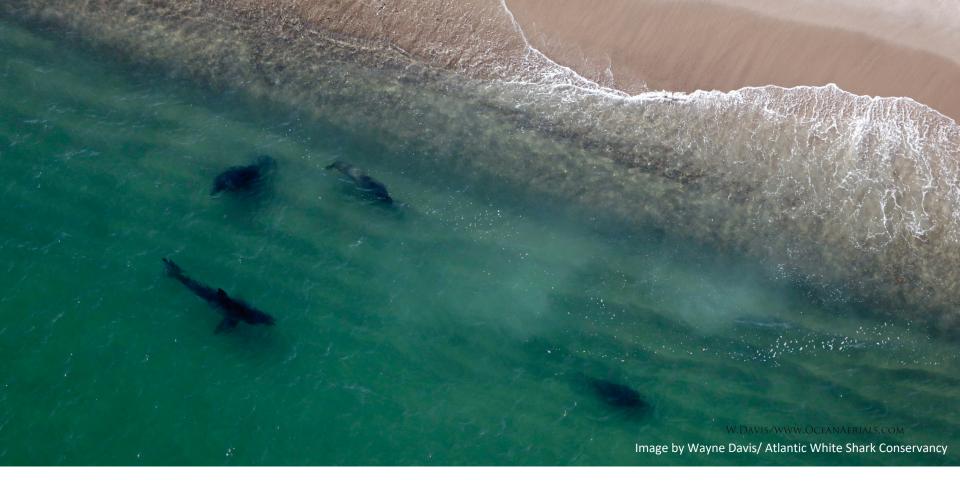


Estimated Time: 1-2 classes (90 minutes)

The introductory reading to present the phenomenon for this curriculum unit to the students.

The news article could be read prior to class as a homework assignment, or read aloud in class, with discussion questions discussed throughout reading.





Cape Cod Expert says sharks, seals here to stay

Cape Cod Times Article By, Doug Fraser October 7, 2018



Discussion Questions

When and where does the article take place?

Who is the expert, the article identifies?

What makes this person an expert?

The writer identifies a change that has occurred in the region, what is that change?

According to this article, what does the public and scientific community believe about wildlife?

- Is this opinion shared by all? How about specifically in the region described in this article?

What does the expert see as being a challenge in the future?

- Who does the expert see as being a challenge?



3-2-1 Sharing Activity

Work with a partner to use sticky notes to discuss and share the following information:

- 3 items you took away from this article
- 2 questions you have from this article
- 1 thing you learned from this article



Homework

What happened next?

A year later, The Cape Cod Times shared this video, outlining the steps the towns and Cape Cod National Seashore took after the two-white shark/ human interactions in 2018.

Reflect:

- Were any of the recommendations made by George Burgess put into effect in the region?
- From this video, does it seem there is still a conflict in the region?

