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### **GREAT WHITE SHARK - CAPE TIMES ARTICLE**

We refer to the article in the Cape Times on Monday 17 October 2011 wherein an angler, allegedly with a Kayak, caught a Great White Shark, dragged it onto the rocks and posed for a photo. We at SASAA **do not condone this illegal practice**. Relating to this incident SASAA's objectives as laid down in our constitution remains non negotiable. Constitutional quote,

**"1.6 MAIN OBJECTIVES AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*The main objectives and powers of the Association shall be to:*

*1.6.2 Manage the Shore Angling Sport in a professional manner.*

*1.6.6 Promote and encourage the conservation of the Coastal and Marine environment so as to assure the continuation of the Shore Angling Sport,...*

*1.6.22 Assist, and actively support all National or Regional Marine and Coastal Conservation research aims and activities,..."*

SASAA is actively involved via our affiliated Province Western Cape Shore Angling Association with Meaghen McCord from South African Shark Conservancy, (SASC) in that:

- they assisted in financing the tagging of the Zambezi Shark in Breede river
- they assisted in financing Meaghen's visit to the World Recreational Fishing Conference in Berlin in 2011
- SASC was part of the SASAA / WCSAA exhibition at the International Boat show in September 2011
- SASC attend SASAA National tournaments in WC to tag catches for scientific research
- SASC attends WCSAA league competitions to tag catches for their research.

SASAA actively promote and participate in protecting our resources by measuring and releasing all catches unharmed. Non return slides were banned in SASAA which will minimize accidental hook ups of the Great White Shark.

SASAA and all its members can only hope that the individual involved in this latest incident, is prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This type of behaviour cannot be tolerated and unfortunately ends up portraying all anglers in a bad light.

SASAA offer to create a GREAT WHITE HOT-LINE to enable 3000 of our members to report and network against the illegal catching of these magnificent creatures.

Yours in Angling

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**SASAA President**