



North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

Note: The following article describes a shark attack that occurred on July 27th, 1916, in Core Sound near Atlantic in Carteret County. The article appeared in the *Charlotte Observer*, July 30th, 1916.

SHARK ATTACKS ATLANTIC MAN

William Nelson Catches Big
Fish in Net and It
Turns on Him.

Special to The Observer.

Beaufort, July 29 —The first time in the history of our fishermen that anyone has been attacked by a shark, is now reported here. William Nelson of Atlantic, while fishing with a haul net in the waters of Core Sound, caught a good sized shark in the net by the tail fin and tried to get the big fish in clear of the net. He became entangled in it and fell and as soon as he loosened his hold the shark caught his right arm in his mouth. From last reports there are grave fears that Nelson will lose the injured member.