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**Wednesday, July 1, 2015 – 2:15 p.m.  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Swimmer Injured by Shark at NPS Day Use Area on Ocracoke Island, NC**

Ocracoke Island, NC – Around 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 the Hyde County Emergency Medical Services Department received a call from lifeguards on duty at the National Park Service Day Use Area on Ocracoke regarding an injured swimmer.

Hyde County EMS, National Park Service rangers, the Hyde County Sheriff's Department, and members of the Ocracoke Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene where they found a male, in his late 50s with multiple injuries due to a shark encounter.

The man was swimming outside the first breaker, directly in front of the lifeguard stand when he encountered a grey shark, six to seven feet in length. The shark pulled him under the water and the man sustained several bites to his rib cage, hip, lower leg, and both hands.

EMS stabilized the man's blood pressure and were able to get him in a stable, conscious, and oriented condition prior to medical transport. The man was flown to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC for further medical treatment.

Hyde County EMS will have two ambulances with paramedic level service available with a third on call for the Fourth of July weekend.

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