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Scientists from the Shark Lab at California State University, Long Beach have been busy this summer with reports of white sharks swimming off public beaches along the coast of Southern California from Seal Beach to as far south as San Onofre.

Police, lifeguards, and members of the public have reported as many as 13 white sharks at any given time with some swimming near paddleboarders and surfers. Although some public reports claim the sharks are up to 10 feet in length, the team has only verified individuals at 5–7 feet in length.

Between the months of April and August, the Shark Lab team monitored over 80 white shark sightings between these two locations. The team continues to work closely with lifeguards and responds to as many calls as possible so they can monitor the sharks and determine why the sharks are swimming closer to shore and remaining in the area. No beaches have been closed, but lifeguards and the Shark Lab team are warning beachgoers to be cautious.

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