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## Sardine Run 2018 Media Update 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

This morning there were reports of sardine pockets scattered between Warner Beach and Hibberdene. It seems like most of these pockets were thin and not concentrated any specific area. The conditions are nice and settled behind the backline but the surf zone is strong with a wave size of between 1.5m and 2m on the sets. The sea and weather forecast is looking good for the weekend so hopefully the Netters can take advantage of this lull before the Cold Front arrives on Monday afternoon.

Shark safety gear has been removed from all protected beaches from Anstey's on the Bluff to Port Edward on the South Coast. We are planning to re-open the beaches at Saint Michaels and Ramsgate Main Beach tomorrow all depending on the sardine activity. Most of the netting has been replaced along the Durban beachfront as the sardine movement seems to be bypassing this area for now. The only beaches still closed in Durban are Laguna, EThekwini and Country Club. The Sharks Board appeals to members of the public to exercise caution should they enter the water during this time. The Board will continue to monitor the movement of the shoals and will manage the shark safety gear in consultation with the coastal municipalities that are affected.

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