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WHAT: As part of Shark Discovery Days, the Birch Aquarium hosted a shark dissection program, broadcast live on the Birch Aquarium Web site. Dr. Graham dissected four large pelagic sharks: a Mako shark, Blue



WARNING: This footage is a CLOSE-UP look at the dissection of sharks. It is very graphic.

shark, 10-foot Thresher shark, and a 330pound Salmon shark! He also narrated while examining the internal organs, including the stomach, the contents of which provided evidence of the predator's last meal. He also discussed the natural history of sharks and answered questions from the live audience as well as from the on-line viewers.

WHY: The public had the rare opportunity to see these predators up close. Viewers will learned about shark biology and why the conservation of shark populations is important.



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