



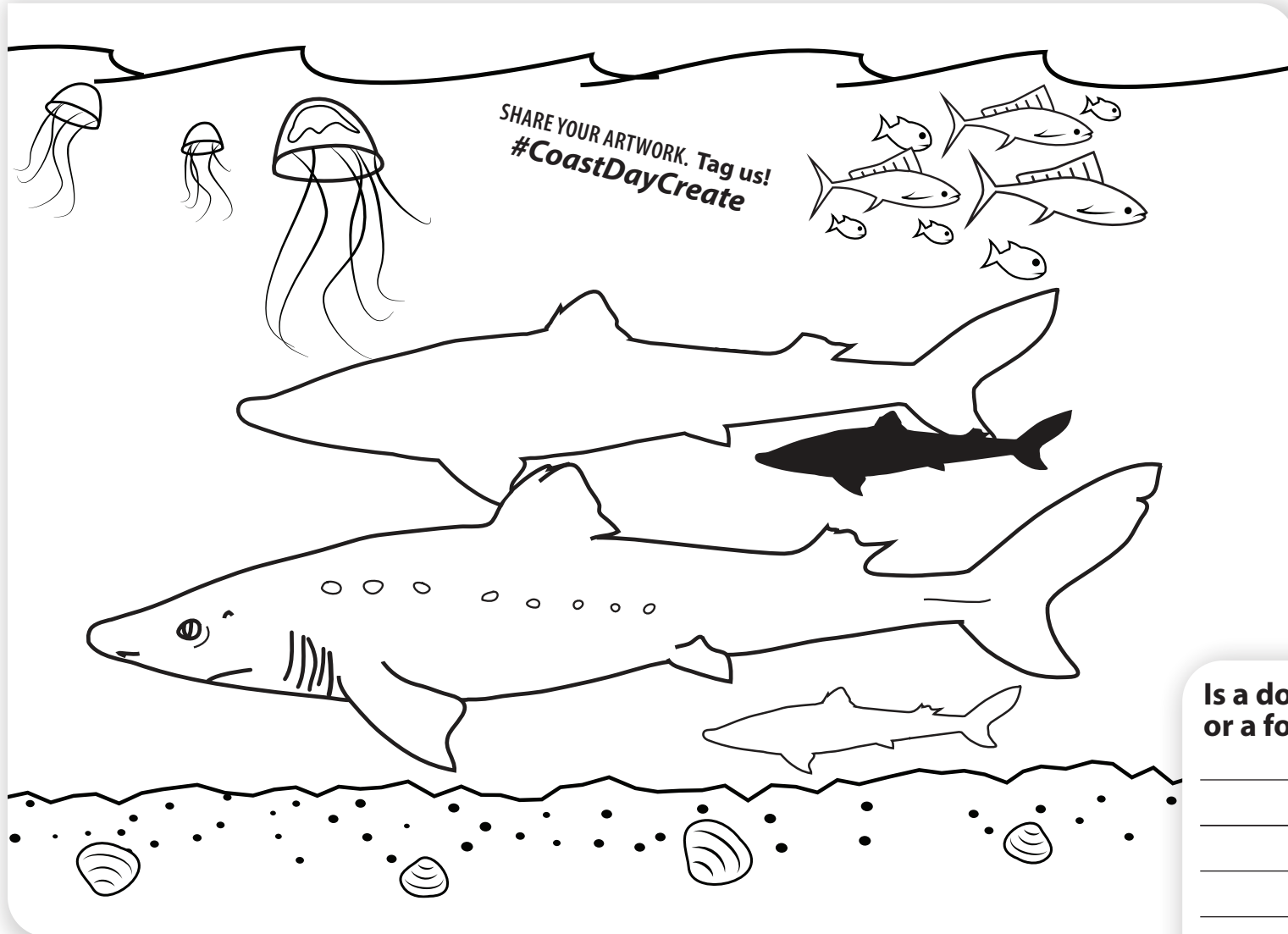
Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Shark

SCIENTIFIC NAME:
Squalus acanthias

Life Span: 25 to 100 years

Size: Males grow up to 3.3 feet, and females grow up to 4 feet

Range: North Atlantic and North Pacific Oceans



Fun Facts:

The **Atlantic Spiny Dogfish Shark** is thought to be the most well-researched shark species in the world. They are considered one of the most abundant living shark species in the ocean, but are harmless to humans. **Dogfish sharks** can be found anywhere from the surface to more than 3,000 feet (914 m) deep. **Dogfish** were named after their tendency to hunt in dog-like packs. Female spiny dogfish are pregnant for 18 to 24 months, giving them one of the longest gestation periods of any vertebrate. **Spiny dogfish** have sharp, venomous spines in front of both dorsal fins. **Dogfish** don't actually have any bones! Their skeleton is made from cartilage which is the same substance you have in your nose!

Is a dogfish shark your friend or a foe? And why?

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