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***WILDLIFE DETECTIVES: MYSTERY SHARKS OF SEATTLE AWARDED BEST WILDLIFE CRIME FILM BY THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FILM FESTIVAL***

*KCTS 9 Digital Studios Documentary Investigates the Sudden Appearance and Disappearance of Sixgill Sharks in Puget Sound*

**SEATTLE**—KCTS 9 is pleased to announce that locally-produced documentary *Wildlife Detectives: Mystery Sharks of Seattle* has been honored with the 2016 Wildlife Conservation Film Festival (WCFF) Award for Best Wildlife Crime Film.

This is the second year in a row that a KCTS 9 Digital Studios production has been honored by WCFF. *Wildlife Detectives: The Poaching of Puget Sound* took home the award in 2015.

"KCTS 9 is proud to have our film honored on an international stage," said Carlos Espinoza, Senior Vice President, Content and Marketing. "The mystery of the sixgill sharks is a great example of the many captivating stories we're exploring in our own backyard. Only public media can tell these stories, because our members generously support our in-depth environmental journalism."

Few are aware that there are 16-foot predatory sharks swimming under the surface in the shallows of Puget Sound. The sixgill sharks suddenly appeared in the late 1990s and early 2000s and then vanished just as quickly. Originally airing in May 2016, [\*Wildlife Detectives: Mystery Sharks of Seattle\*](#) follows divers and researchers on their quest to discover more about these elusive creatures.

The documentary will air again on KCTS 9 on Wednesday, October 26 at 8:00 pm. To watch online anytime and for companion content, please visit <http://kcts9.org/programs/wildlife-detectives/searching-mystery-sharks-seattle>

Focusing on natural history and biodiversity, the [WCFF](#) brings together a curated group of independent films. It is attended by filmmakers, scientists and conservationists with the mission of engaging audiences about the need for an importance of global biodiversity.

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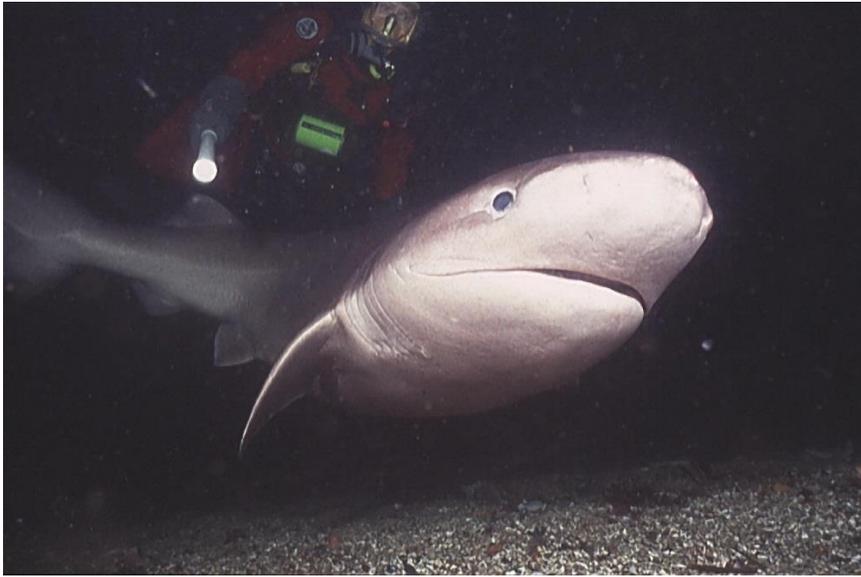
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Sixgill shark (image courtesy of Seattle Aquarium)