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**Capt. G. L. Carden of Revenue Cutter Mohawk,  
After Local Conference Decides Wire Netting  
Is Best Form of Protection.**

WASHINGTON, July 17.—Capt. G. L. Carden of the coast guard cutter Mohawk notified officials here today that definite plans to combat shark attacks on bathers along the New Jersey coast were adopted at a conference of officials at Asbury Park. He stated that all plans for exterminating the man-eaters were abandoned. Instead, the plan of extending steel wire nets around all bathing beaches was decided upon. The authorities will make all effort to see that all bathers remain inside the nets.

Steps to abate the shark menace along the coast were discussed at a conference here yesterday between Capt. G. L. Carden of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Mohawk and Supt. John S. Cole of the New Jersey district. But whether Captain Carden disclosed any definite proposition on the part of the federal authorities devised to rid the shore sections of the sea monsters, neither of the men would divulge, both declaring that whatever publicity is to be given to the project must come from the department at Washington.

Captain Carden registered yesterday

at the Monterey. It is believed he will return to Washington today. This morning, with Supt. Cole, he visited Supt. Frank B. Smith of the Ocean Grove association, with whom it is understood some concerted move for the protection of the bathing beaches was discussed. Supt. Smith was asked to keep the mission of the coast guard men a secret. Later Mitchell and Fry, the local bathing lessees, were also consulted. They, too, were pledged to secrecy.

In what way the coast guard service can cooperate in solving the shark problem, seafaring men are at a loss to understand. Appointment of Capt. Carden here, however, indicates the intention of the federal government to assist in the work in whatever way possible.

That any immediate steps will be taken to use the coast guard service in the hunt for the man-eaters seems unlikely. No orders have been issued to the crews of the various stations to return to duty, it was said by one of the men this morning. Unless such orders are given the men will not return from their vacations until Aug. 1.