



Home Depot, Somerville MA. 2/26/2011. No paper bags available. No reusable bags for sale near checkout lines. No signage urging customers to use their own bags. *Credit Mass Sierra Club.*



Stop & Shop, Somerville MA 3/14/2011. Only plastic bags available. *Credit Mass Sierra Club.*



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Plastic bags floating in the ocean (above) look similar to jellyfish or squid. Marine mammals including sea turtles, seals and birds, experience other health problems or die after accidentally ingest floating plastic, including plastic bags because they mistaken it as prey. *Credit: seaturtle.org.*



An Atlantic green turtle passing a plastic bag, with the help of staff at the South Padre Island Inc sea turtle rehabilitation center. *Credit: seaturtle.org*



A rare Gervais beaked whale was found on a beach in Puerto Rico with ten pounds of twisted plastic in its stomach. The ball of plastic caused the whale to starve to death. It was a juvenile female, and was emaciated due to not eating for days. *Credit: NOAA*