

# US NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMALS

1 Meter



BLUE WHALE



FIN WHALE



MINKE WHALE



SPERM WHALE



SEI WHALE



NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE



HUMPBACK WHALE

## Celebrating the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)



**In 1972, Congress enacted the MMPA, establishing a national policy to help prevent the extinction or depletion, of marine mammal populations from human activities.**

NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are the lead federal agencies for enforcing this law to protect marine mammals. The MMPA protects all whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, porpoises, manatees, polar bears, otters, and walrus from human-induced harm. In the Northeast, NOAA Fisheries works with scientists, industry, and conservation groups to develop measures that help to protect marine mammals from entanglement, ship strike, and other activities that might cause these animals harm.

NOAA Fisheries  
Northeast Region  
Protected Resources Division  
978-281-9328  
Illustrations Copyright Garth Mix  
www.gmixdesigns.com



CONSERVATION • SCIENCE • RECOVERY

TO REPORT STRANDED, ENTANGLED, INJURED, OR DEAD MARINE MAMMALS & SEA TURTLES, CALL THE NOAA FISHERIES MARINE ANIMAL REPORTING HOTLINE: **1-866-755-NOAA(6622)**

1 Meter

# You can help protect marine mammals!

## Admire from a distance

- Adhere to local guidelines or regulations for boating, fishing, and whale watching.
- Never approach whales within 100 feet, or right whales within 500 yards (1,500 feet).
- Support companies that commit to using best practices and protecting the oceans, such as whale watching companies that participate in Whale SENSE ([www.whalesense.org](http://www.whalesense.org))

## Report a crime

- It is illegal to harm, harass, or capture a marine mammal, to collect marine mammal parts, or attempt to do any of these things - with limited exceptions.
- Report suspected violations to the NOAA Enforcement Hotline at **1-800-853-1964**

## Help sick animals

- Keep your distance and never attempt to touch or interact with animals on the beach.
- Report sick or injured animals to NOAA by calling **1-866-755-6622** so trained staff can respond to the situation.

## Be a good neighbor

- Recycle, reuse, dispose of garbage properly, and don't release balloons into the air. This will help prevent marine debris and keep the ocean clean and healthy.
- Tell your families and friends what they can do to help protect marine mammals!

## Learn More

[www.nero.noaa.gov/prot\\_res](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res)  
[www.nero.noaa.gov/whalewatch](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/whalewatch)  
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/laws/mmpa/>  
[www.whalesense.org](http://www.whalesense.org)



HARBOR SEAL



HARP SEAL



GRAY SEAL



HOODED SEAL



SPINNER DOLPHIN



COMMON DOLPHIN



HARBOR PORPOISE



STRIPED DOLPHIN



PANTROPICAL SPOTTED DOLPHIN



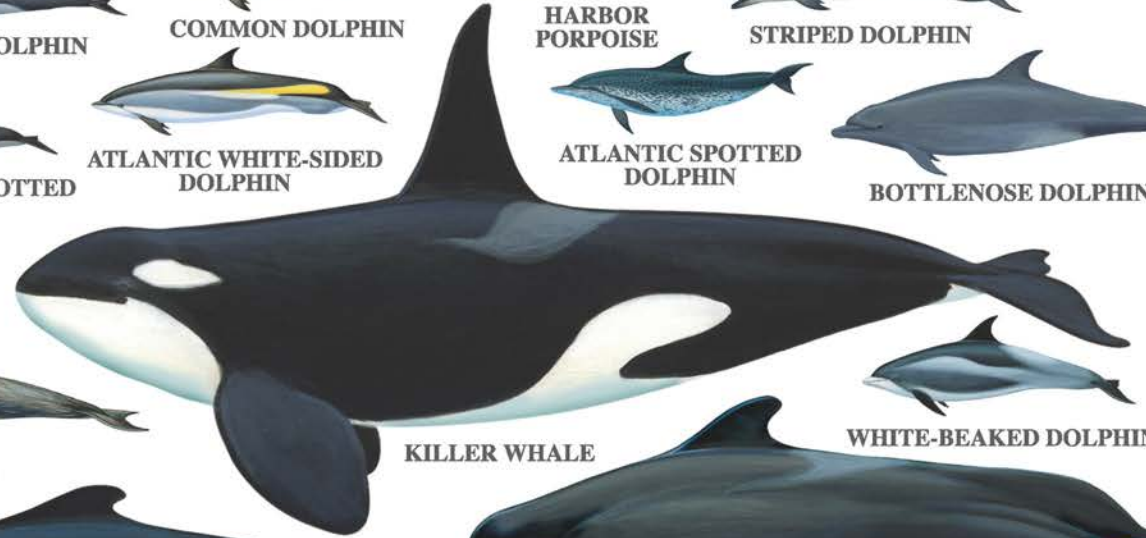
ATLANTIC WHITE-SIDED DOLPHIN



ATLANTIC SPOTTED DOLPHIN



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN



KILLER WHALE



RISSE'S DOLPHIN



WHITE-BEAKED DOLPHIN



SHORTFINNED PILOT WHALE



LONGFINNED PILOT WHALE



BLAINVILLE'S BEAKED WHALE



TRUE'S BEAKED WHALE



SOWERBY'S BEAKED WHALE



DWARF SPERM WHALE



CUVIER'S BEAKED WHALE



PYGMY SPERM WHALE



NORTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALE

Illustrations Copyright Garth Mix • [www.gmixdesigns.com](http://www.gmixdesigns.com)

TO REPORT STRANDED, ENTANGLED, INJURED, OR DEAD MARINE MAMMALS & SEA TURTLES, CALL THE NOAA FISHERIES MARINE ANIMAL REPORTING HOTLINE: **1-866-755-NOAA(6622)**

