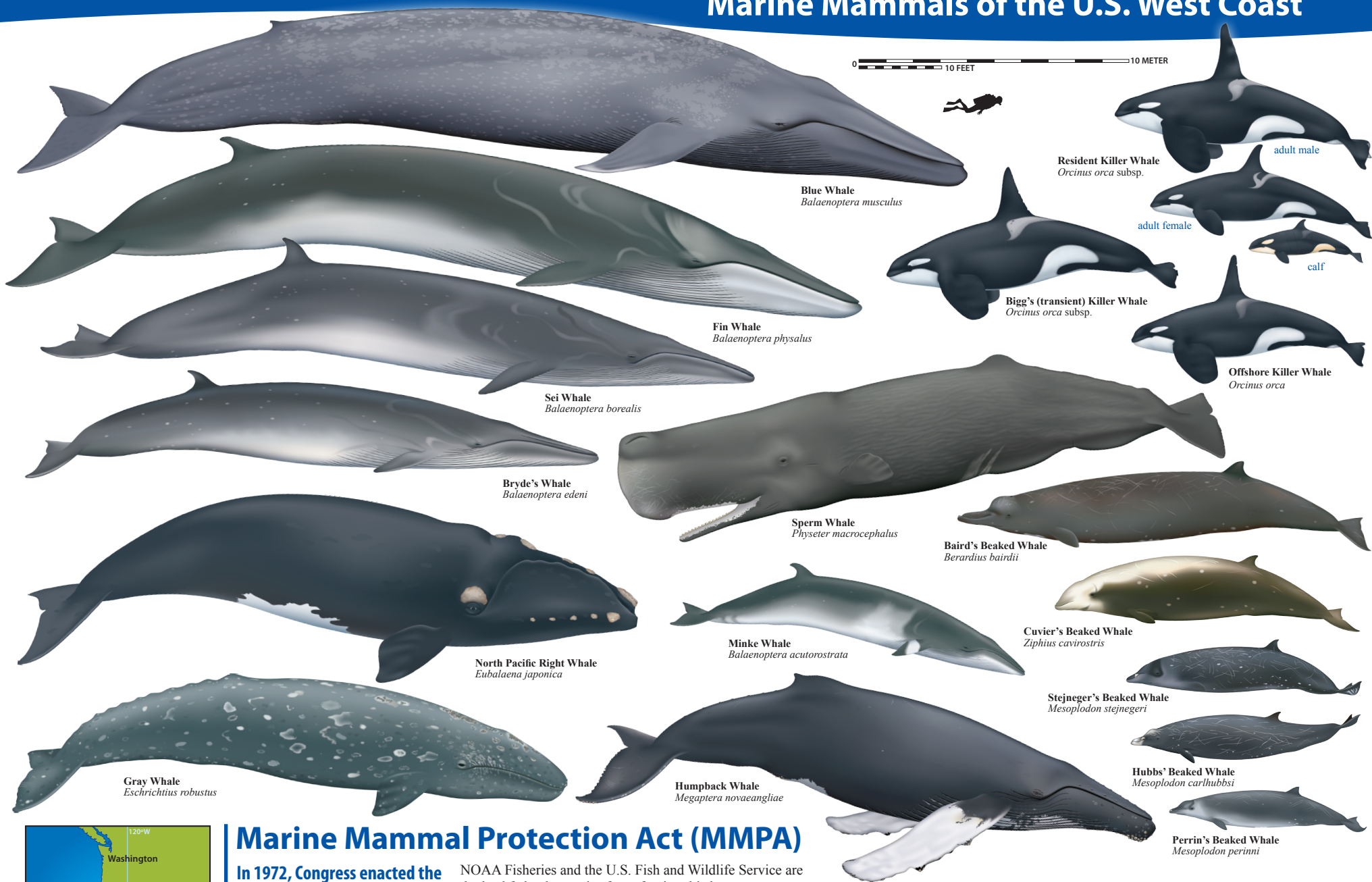


# Marine Mammals of the U.S. West Coast



## 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 United States, 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.

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## You can help protect marine mammals!

Seeing marine wildlife in their natural environment can be a thrilling experience. In our excitement, we sometimes forget that our presence has an effect on wildlife and their habitat. Set an example for others, and help protect our spectacular marine resources.

## Admire from a distance, give animals space!

- Do not approach closer than 100 yards to any whale, dolphin, or porpoise. For orcas in WA stay 200 yards away.
- Slow down and operate at a no-wake speed.
- Keep clear of the whales' path!

## Share the shore with seals and sea lions!

- Give animals space and limit noise.
- Keep people and pets away. Marine mammals can carry diseases that are transmittable to pets and humans.
- Pay attention and move away at the first sign of disturbance or agitation.

## Call our Hotlines

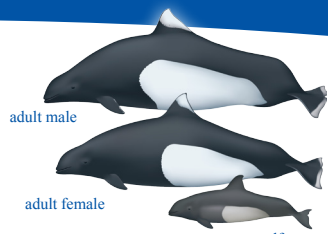
- Report a dead, injured or stranded marine mammal at:  
**1-866-767-6114**
- Call law enforcement if you see a harassment or a violation:  
**1-800-853-1964**
- For entangled marine mammals, please call  
**1-877-SOS-WHALE** or **1-877-767-9425** or hail the U.S. Coast Guard on Ch. 16
- Report derelict gear, please call **1-855-542-3935**

## Learn more

<http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/>  
<http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/>  
<https://swfsc.noaa.gov/>  
<http://www.bewhalewise.org/>



Download: Dolphin & Whale 911 app  
(for Android and iPhone)



adult male

adult female

calf

Dall's Porpoise  
*Phocoenoides dalli*



Harbor Porpoise  
*Phocoena phocoena*



Northern Right Whale Dolphin  
*Lissodelphis borealis*



Pacific White-sided Dolphin  
*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*



Striped Dolphin  
*Stenella coeruleoalba*



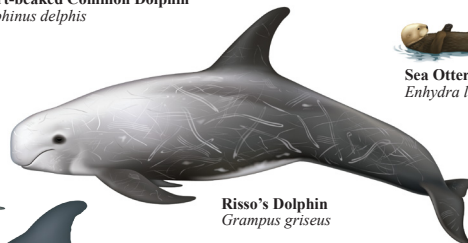
Long-beaked Common Dolphin  
*Delphinus capensis*



Short-beaked Common Dolphin  
*Delphinus delphis*



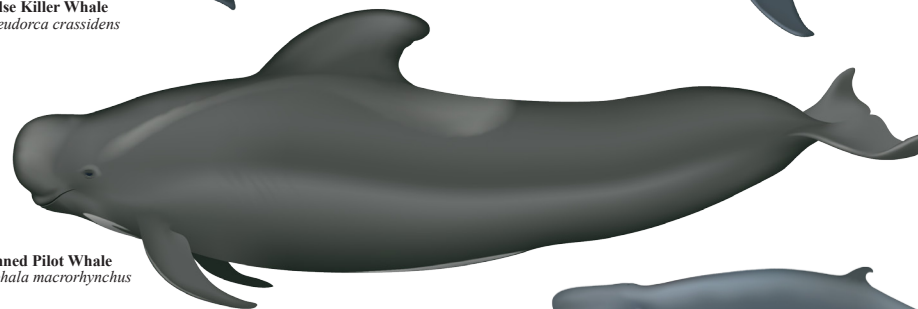
Bottlenose dolphin  
*Tursiops truncatus*



Risso's Dolphin  
*Grampus griseus*



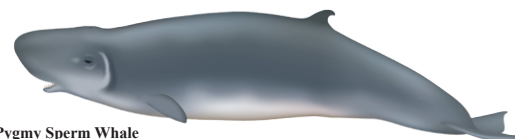
False Killer Whale  
*Pseudorca crassidens*



Short-finned Pilot Whale  
*Globicephala macrorhynchus*



Dwarf Sperm Whale  
*Kogia sima*



Pygmy Sperm Whale  
*Kogia breviceps*



Northern Elephant Seal  
*Mirounga angustirostris*

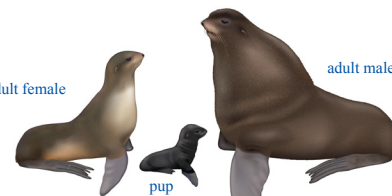
adult male



pup



adult female



adult female

pup

Northern Fur Seal  
*Callorhinus ursinus*



Sea Otter  
*Enhydra lutris*



adult variation

Harbor Seal  
*Phoca vitulina*

pup



adult variation



adult female

pup

adult male

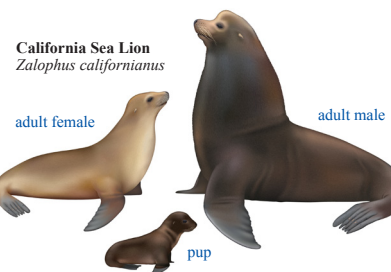
Guadalupe Fur Seal  
*Arctocephalus philippii townsendi*



adult female

adult male

Steller or Northern Sea Lion  
*Eumetopias jubatus*



adult female

adult male

California Sea Lion  
*Zalophus californianus*

pup



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