

STRANDED MARINE MAMMALS

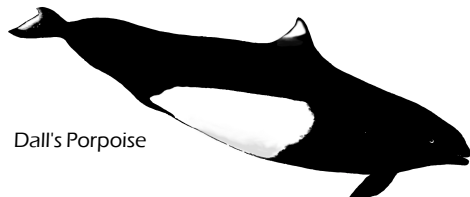
If you see a stranded marine mammal:

DO NOT

- Approach very close
- Touch or try to move it
- Try to feed it
- Try to get it back into the water

DO

- Keep people and dogs away
- Make note of the following:
 1. whether the animal is dead or alive
 2. approximate length from nose to tail
 3. color and distinguishing marks
 4. obvious wounds or injuries
 5. exact stranding location



Dall's Porpoise

WHALES, DOLPHINS & PORPOISES should always be in the water. If a whale or porpoise is on shore, it is stranded and should be reported **immediately**.

SEALS & SEA LIONS often spend several hours hauled out on beaches, rocks, or islands. Please call the Stranding Network if the animal is:

- on shore in a busy place
- dead or injured



California Sea Lion



HELP PREVENT STRANDINGS!

People/Vessels approaching too close to haul-outs often scare seals into the water, which can result in the separation of young seal pups from their mothers.

THESE PUPS WILL NOT SURVIVE ALONE!

Please do not approach within 100 yards of areas where seals are resting.



The **San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network** is a volunteer organization funded and administered by **The Whale Museum** and authorized by the **National Marine Fisheries Service** to investigate strandings of dead and live marine mammals, collect scientific information, and move animals to treatment facilities when necessary. See our website: www.whalemuseum.org

**Call the Whale Hotline and report strandings:
1-800-562-8832 (24 hr.)**

THE LAW : It is a violation of the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act to harass, touch, feed, move or kill any marine mammal.