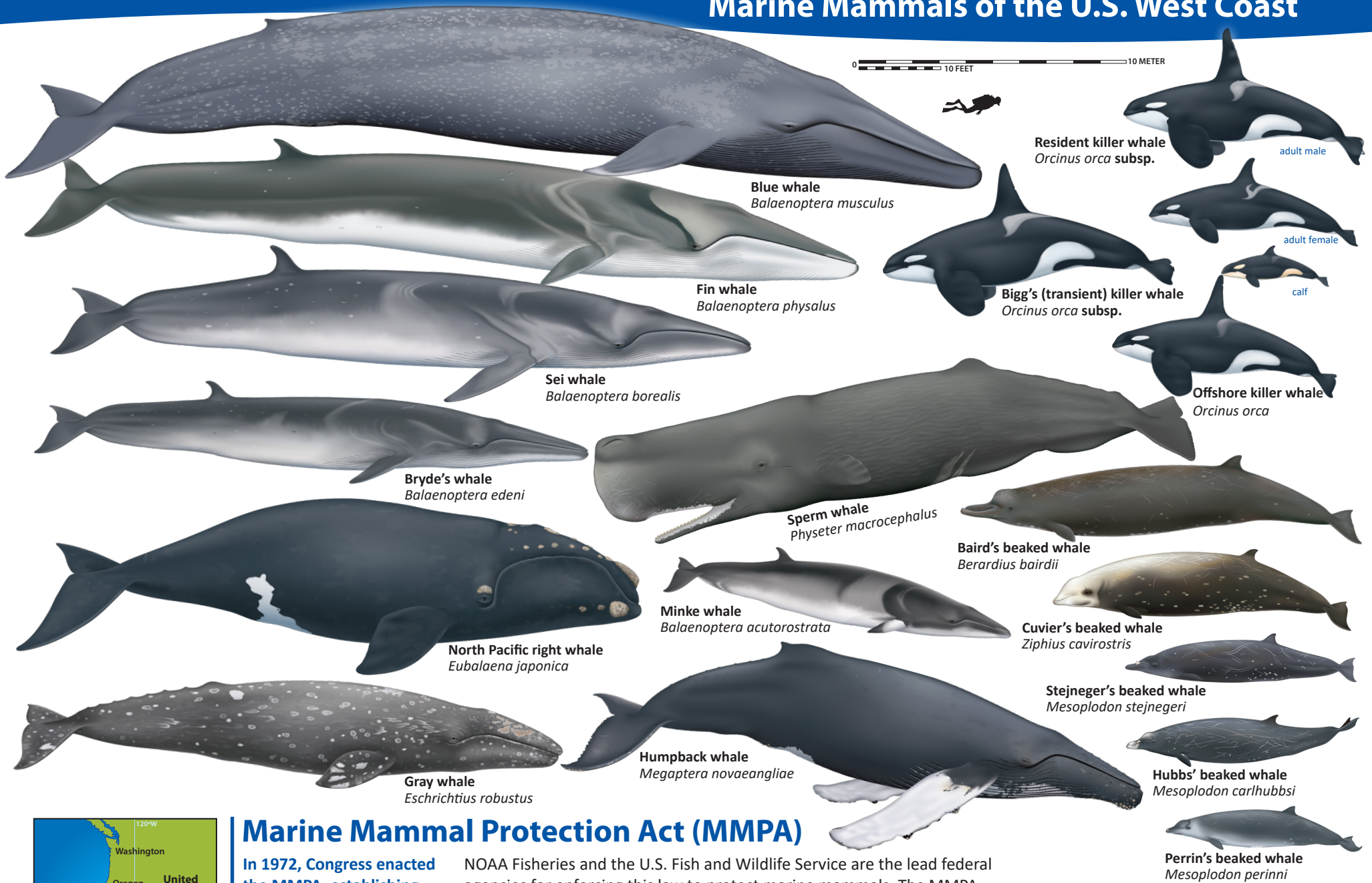


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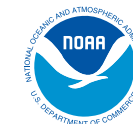


## Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

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.

## Share the sea

- Slow down and operate at a no-wake speed
- Keep clear of the whales' path
- Stay 300 yards from either side of orcas in WA
- Stay 400 yards out of orcas' path in WA
- Keep 200 yards away from whales, dolphins, or porpoises if they are resting or with their calf
- Keep 100 yards away from other marine mammals

## Share the shore

- Give animals space  
*Marine mammals can carry diseases that are transmittable to pets and people*
- Stay quiet
- Move away at the first sign of disturbance or agitation

## Call our hotlines

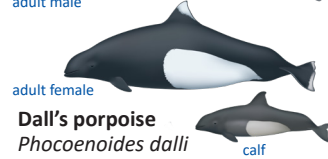
- Report a dead, injured, or stranded marine mammal: **1-866-767-6114**
- Call law enforcement if you see a harassment or a violation: **1-800-853-1964**
- Report entangled marine mammals: 1-877-SOS-WHALE or **1-877-767-9425** or hail the U.S. Coast Guard on Ch. 16
- Report derelict gear: **1-855-542-3935**

## Learn more

- Visit [www.fisheries.noaa.gov](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov)
- Visit [www.bewhalewise.org](http://www.bewhalewise.org)
- Download the Dolphin & Whale 911 app



adult male



adult female

**Dall's porpoise**  
*Phocoenoides dalli*

calf



**Pacific white-sided dolphin**  
*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*



**Long-beaked common dolphin**  
*Delphinus capensis*



**Bottlenose dolphin**  
*Tursiops truncatus*



**Harbor porpoise**  
*Phocoena phocoena*



**Northern right whale dolphin**  
*Lissodelphis borealis*



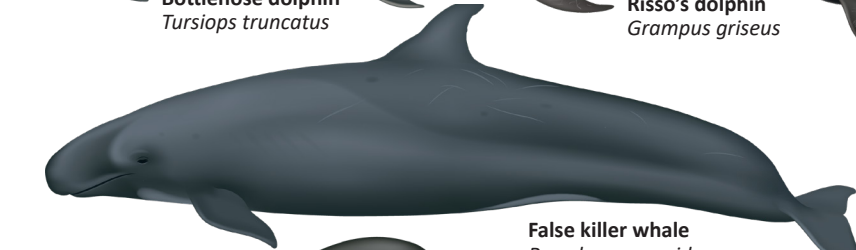
**Striped dolphin**  
*Stenella coeruleoalba*



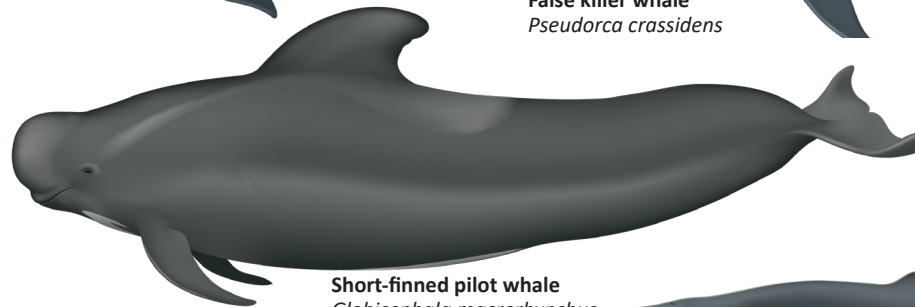
**Short-beaked common dolphin**  
*Delphinus delphis*



**Risso's dolphin**  
*Grampus griseus*



**False killer whale**  
*Pseudorca crassidens*



**Short-finned pilot whale**  
*Globicephala macrorhynchus*



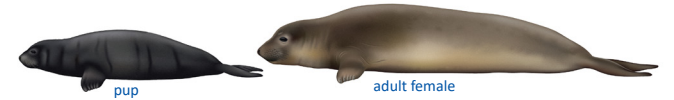
**Dwarf sperm whale**  
*Kogia sima*



**Pygmy sperm whale**  
*Kogia breviceps*



**Northern elephant seal**  
*Mirounga angustirostris*



pup

adult female



adult female

pup

**Northern fur seal**  
*Callorhinus ursinus*



**Sea otter**  
*Enhydra lutris*



adult variation

pup

**Harbor seal**  
*Phoca vitulina*



adult male

adult female

pup

**Guadalupe fur seal**  
*Arctocephalus philippii townsendi*



adult male

adult female

pup

**Steller or Northern sea lion**  
*Eumetopias jubatus*

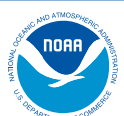


adult female

adult male

pup

**California sea lion**  
*Zalophus californianus*



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