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Up to
\$20,000 REWARD

for information on the shooting of a sea lion found on Bolsa Chica State Beach



The California sea lion was estimated at about 2 years old when it was found shot in the back at Bolsa Chica State Beach August 7, 2024.

The NOAA Office of Law Enforcement is seeking information on the shooting of a California sea lion found on Bolsa Chica State Beach August 7 with a bullet wound in its back. A rescue organization tried to help the sea lion but it died the next day. A bullet was recovered from its carcass.

Sea lions and other marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which carries civil penalties up to \$34,457, up to a year in prison, and forfeiture of any vessel involved.

A reward of up to **\$20,000** may be paid if you provide information about a violation that leads to the issuance of a civil penalty or criminal conviction.

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