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**WHAT TO DO**

1. **CALL (877) 925-7773**
   Notify a NOAA official by calling the hotline.

2. **RECORD**
   Maintain a safe distance of at least 100 yards away. If possible, take photos of the head, fluke, and dorsal fin.

3. **WAIT**
   Continue to monitor the animal until guidance is received from a NOAA official. Safe entanglement response requires training.

   Call US Coast Guard Channel 16 if you are without cell service.
COMMON LARGE WHALES OF ALASKA

HUMPBACK
- Long paddle-shaped pectoral fins. Small, but prominent dorsal fin.

BELUGA
- Adults are white, calves are gray. Bulbous head.

KILLER WHALE
- Black & white. Prominent, tall dorsal fin.

BOWHEAD
- Black, with no dorsal fin. Arctic range.

GRAY WHALE
- Speckled, light gray. Short broad pectoral fins.

SPERM WHALE
- Square-shaped head. Wrinkled & gray. Narrow lower jaw with teeth.

DETAILS TO REPORT
- WHALE SPECIES
- DATE & TIME
- LOCATION (LAT/LONG)
- CONDITION OF ANIMAL
- DESCRIPTION OF ENTANGLING GEAR
- DIRECTION WHALE IS HEADING

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