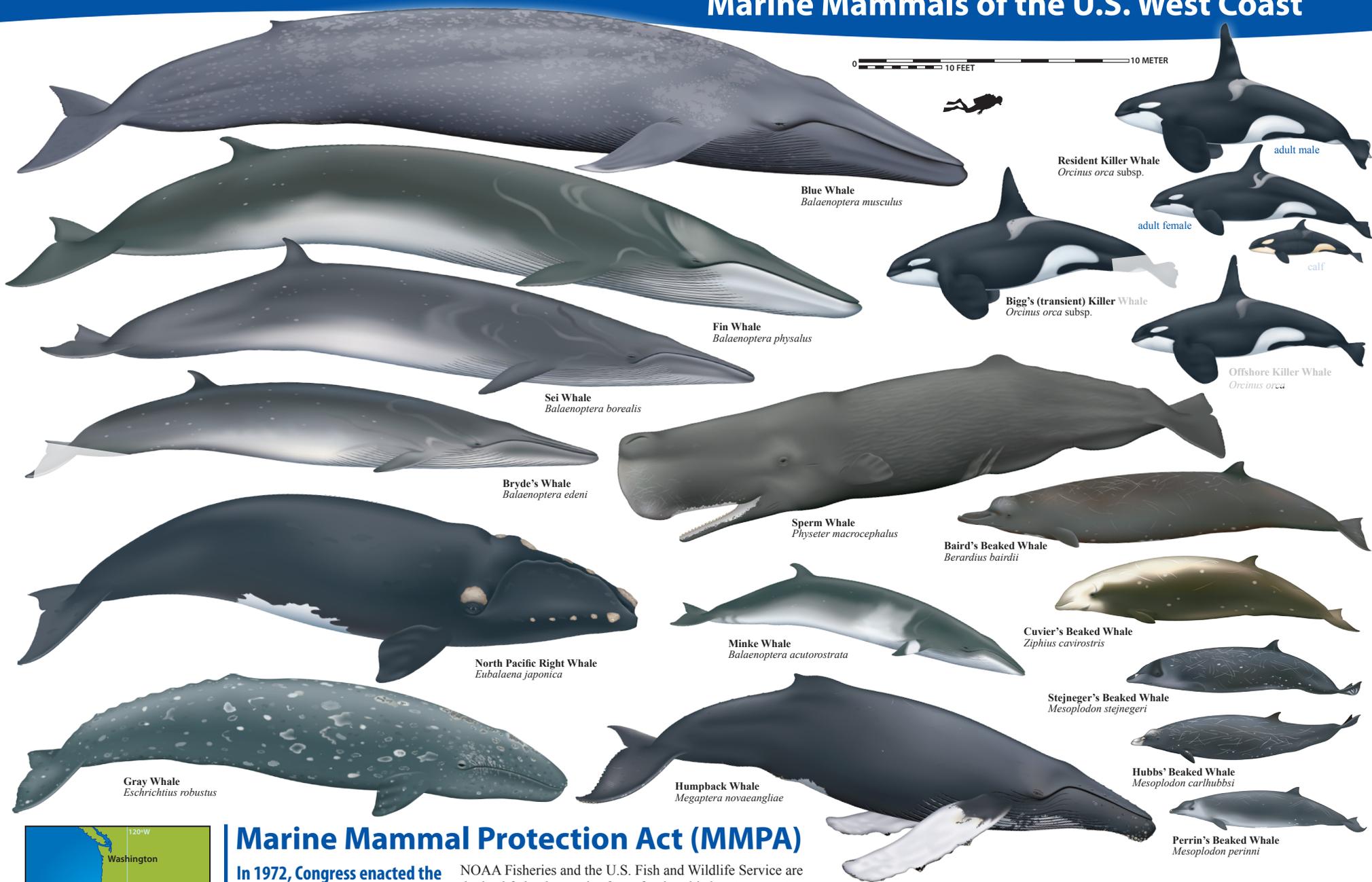


Marine Mammals of the U.S. West Coast



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/>
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<http://www.bewhalewise.org/>



Download: Dolphin & Whale 911 app
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adult male



adult female



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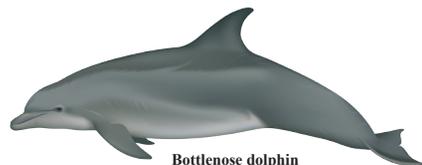
Dall's Porpoise
Phocoenoides dalli



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



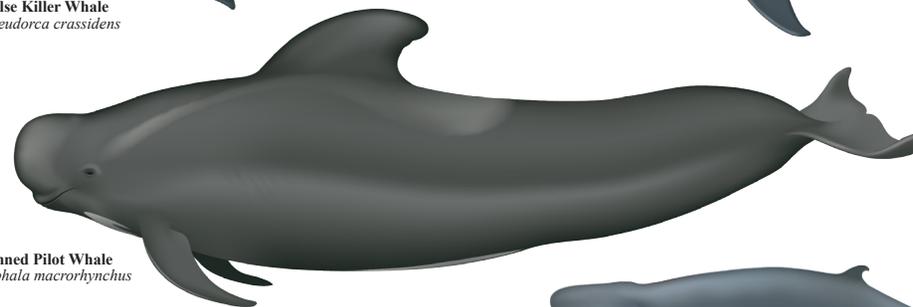
Short-beaked Common Dolphin
Delph.



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



Northern Fur Seal
Callorhinus ursinus

pup



pup



adult variation

Harbor Seal
Phoca vitulina



pup

adult variation



Guadalupe Fur Seal
Arctocephalus philippii townsendi

adult female

pup

adult male



adult female



pup



adult male

Steller or Northern Sea Lion
Eumetopias jubatus

California Sea Lion
Zalophus californianus

adult female



adult male

pup



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