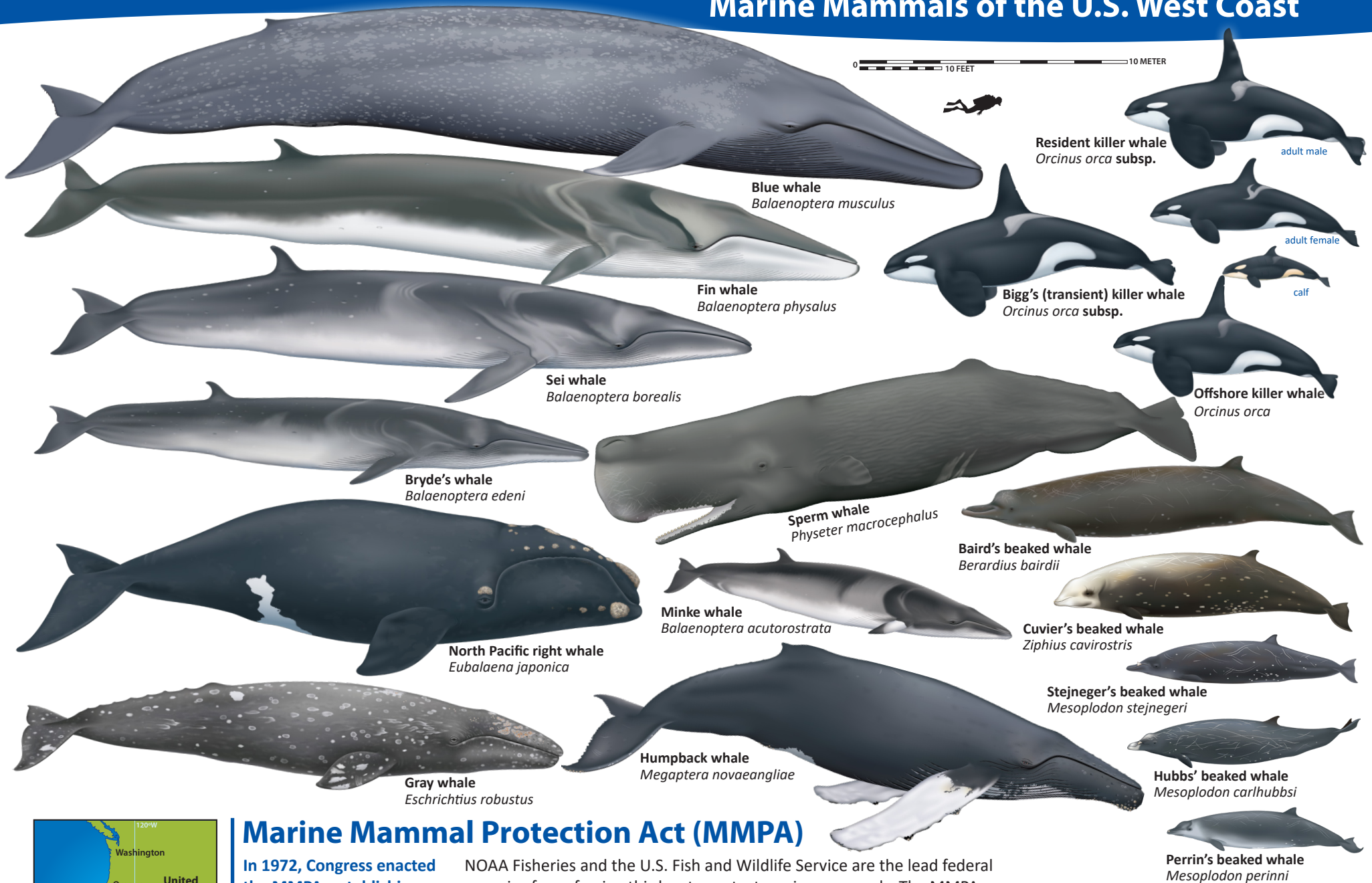


Marine Mammals of the U.S. West Coast



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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To report stranded, injured, or dead marine mammals, call the marine mammal stranding network hotline: 1-866-767-6114

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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
- 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
- Visit www.bewhalewise.org for the most up-to-date information about protective regulations

Share the shore

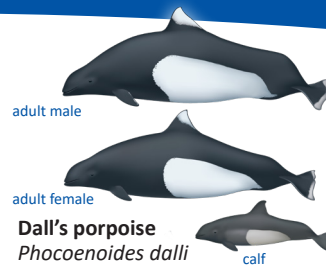
- Give animals space
Marine mammals can carry diseases that are transmittable to pets and people
- Stay quiet
- Move away at the first sign of disturbance or agitation

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
- Visit www.bewhalewise.org
- Download the Dolphin & Whale 911 app



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



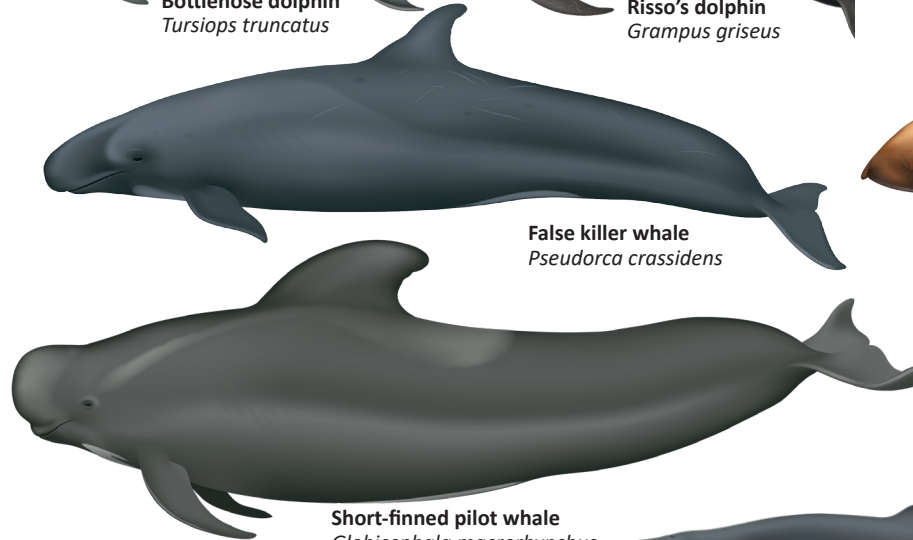
Striped dolphin
Stenella coeruleoalba



Short-beaked common dolphin
Delphinus delphis



Risso's dolphin
Grampus griseus

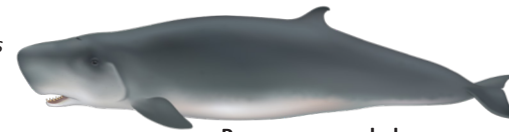


False killer whale
Pseudorca crassidens

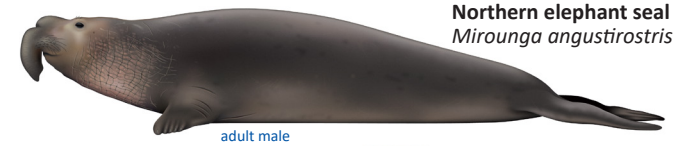
Short-finned pilot whale
Globicephala macrorhynchus



Dwarf sperm whale
Kogia sima



Pygmy sperm whale
Kogia breviceps



Northern elephant seal
Mirounga angustirostris



pup



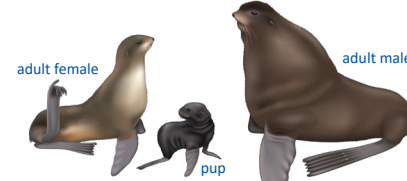
adult female



adult variation



pup



adult female

pup

Northern fur seal
Callorhinus ursinus



adult male



Sea otter
Enhydra lutris



adult male

adult female

pup

Guadalupe fur seal
Arctocephalus philippii townsendi



adult male

adult female

pup



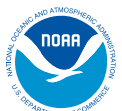
adult female



adult male

pup

California sea lion
Zalophus californianus



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