

ENJOY VIEWING SEALS AND SEA LIONS FROM A DISTANCE TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND THEIRS!

Form a heart shape with your hands - you're at a safe distance if the animal (and pup!) fit completely between them.

GIVE ANIMALS SPACE

How close is too close? You are too close to an animal if it starts to stare, fidget, or flee. Move away at the first sign of disturbance or agitation. Seals and sea lions on land are easily disturbed and may move away, flee, trample, or abandon their pups.

PREVENT PUP ABANDONMENT

Sea lion mothers leave their pups on the beach while they feed out to sea. They may not return to the beach if humans are too close to their pup. Keep your distance to limit disturbance.

KEEP PETS AWAY

Seals and sea lions can be found at almost any beach. Keep pets under control and follow leash laws when visiting beaches to avoid close interactions, especially during pupping season (see QR code for regional maps).

By approaching seals and sea lions you could cause harassment, which is a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and subject to prosecution from Federal Law Enforcement.

JOIN OTHERS BEING KIND TO OCEANKIND

More and more people are protecting and respecting ocean wildlife by giving them plenty of space. The experience is still amazing from afar! Share your heart photo! **#SharetheShore #KindtoOceankind**

MARINE WILDLIFE RESPONSE

Stay back and report dead, injured, tagged, or entangled marine mammals to the West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network at **1-866-767-6114.**



Learn about our trained network of marine wildlife responders, the West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network.



Learn how to Share the Shore with seals and sea lions and view maps of harbor seal pup seasons in California, Oregon, and Washington.



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