



**Reporting a Dead or Stranded
Marine Mammal in the NIFCA
District.**





SEALS

REPORTING LIVE SEAL STRANDINGS:

ARE YOU SURE THE SEAL IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE? :

Seals regularly haul out on land. Pups are often left alone while their mother is looking for food.

When there is a live seal pup on the shoreline, observe it from a distance, look for signs of a cough or injury. If it is in a safe place and showing no obvious ill effects leave it alone and check again in 24 hours.

WHAT TO DO IF A SEAL IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE:

If you are unsure whether it is safe or if the animal is unwell or injured, call:

British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) **01825 765546** (office hours) or **07787 433 412** (out of hours)



REPORTING DEAD SEAL CARCASSES:

TO HAVE SEAL CARCASSES REMOVED FROM A BEACH:

Contact the local council: **Northumberland County Council** **0345 600 6400** or **North Tyneside Council** **0345 200 0101**.

ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN DATA RELATING TO SEAL DEATHS:

- **Cetacean Stranding Investigation Program** (CSIP) **0207 449 6672**.
- **The National Strandings Hotline** **0800 652 0333**.
- **Dove Marine Laboratory**, Cullercoats, **0191 208 3051**

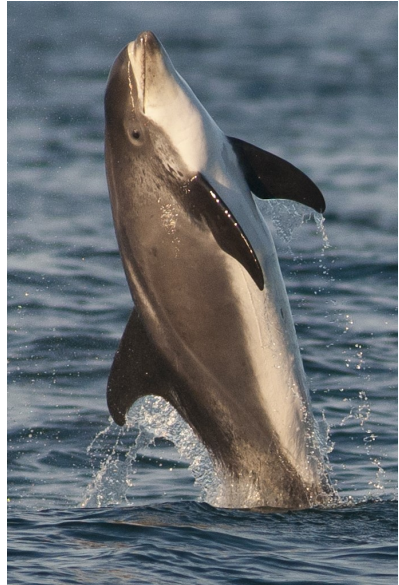




WHALES, DOLPHINS AND PORPOISES

REPORTING LIVE CETACEAN STRANDINGS:

British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) **01825 765546** (office hours) or **07787 433 412** (out of hours), who will arrange for local medics and vets to attend and deal with the animal.



REPORTING DEAD CETACEAN CARCASSES:

ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN DATA RELATING TO CETACEAN DEATHS:

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- **Dove Marine Laboratory**, Cullercoats, **0191 208 3051**
- **North East Cetacean Project** (NECP), contact Dr Martin Kitching on **07908 119535** or by email at martin.kitching@marine-life.org.uk

If the animal has visible signs of bullet wounds, knife wounds or net marks, report them to the **Marine Management Organisation** on **0300 123 1032**.





HELPFUL INFORMATION TO COLLECT

Photos

Pictures are really important as they provide definite identification. If possible please take photos of:

- 1 full length
- 1 head shot including teeth
- 1 of the genitalia region (to sex the animal)
- Any unusual marks



Length of the animal

If you can't go back to measure it, please just provide an estimation.

Location

- Name of beach
- Name of County
- Grid reference



Description (If you are unable to provide a photo)

- Description of the animals head, beak, swollen forehead.
- Did it have teeth or baleen?
- Were the teeth needle or spade shaped?
- Colour of the skin, including any white patches or stripes.
- The state of decomposition – fresh, moderately decomposed or very decomposed.

WARNING: Marine animals are wild animals. They may carry diseases which are transferable to humans. Do not put yourself at risk of injury. Do not attempt to move heavy animals without adequate assistance. Always wash hands thoroughly after any contact.

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