

REPORT ENTANGLED WHALES



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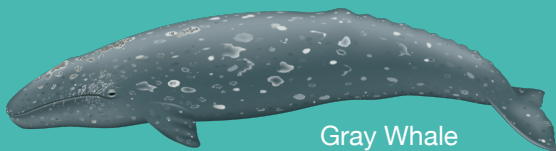
Timely Reporting Can Help

Ocean users in the Northwest have an important role in helping entangled whales. In Washington and Oregon call the NOAA Fisheries entanglement reporting hotline at **1-877-SOS-WHAlE (1-877-767-9425)**. The back of this card outlines important information to help determine an appropriate response. Prompt reporting is the best way to assist an entangled animal.

Safety First! Whales in distress may act unpredictably, close approach is not advised. Do not attempt disentanglement without training and authorization. Try to get video or photos showing the entangling gear. Please be aware that it is not possible or necessarily appropriate to respond to every entangled whale. To help you with species identification, the two whale species shown below are common to the Northwest Region and have been involved in previous entanglement cases.



Humpback Whale



Gray Whale



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Prompt reporting is the best way to help entangled whales. Reports will be relayed to regional responders. Authorized personnel will advise you on what to do next. The following information will aid responders in assessing the case and planning an appropriate response.

DATE _____ TIME OF LAST SIGHTING _____

NAME _____ VESSEL/CALL SIGN _____

PHONE NUMBER (CELL) _____

GENERAL LOCATION (Landmarks) _____

SPECIFIC LOCATION _____°N _____°W

SPECIES (If known, use guide) _____

APPROXIMATE SIZE/AGE CLASS _____

NATURE OF DISTRESS (Describe in detail what you see, colors, numbers, type of line)

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE WHALE _____

WEATHER/SEAS (Wind, swell, visibility) _____

IS THE ANIMAL MOVING? Y / N speed _____ heading _____

CAN YOU STAND BY? Y / N PHOTOS? Y / N VIDEO? Y / N

To report injured or stranded whales, dolphins, porpoises, seals and sea lions, or to report incidents of marine mammal harassment, please call NOAA's 24/7 hotline at 1-800-853-1964.



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