

Marine Mammal Viewing in Alaska

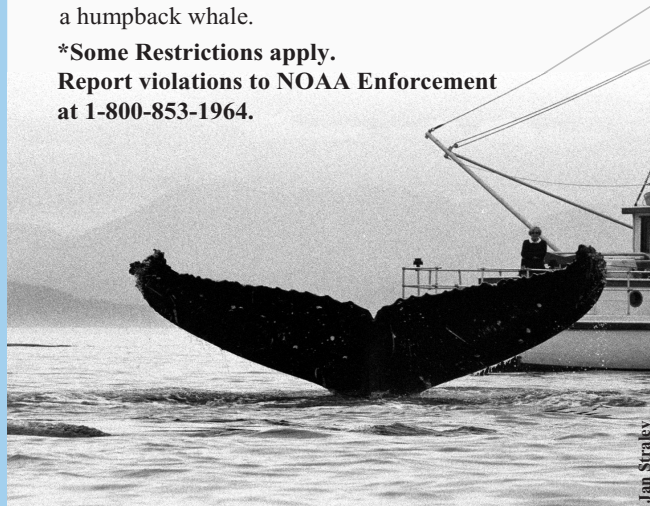
Humpback Whale Approach Regulation Effective July 2, 2001

Regulation requires* that you:

- Not approach within 100 yards of a humpback whale.
- Not place your vessel in the path of oncoming humpback whales causing them to surface within 100 yards of your vessel.
- Operate your vessel at a slow, safe speed when near a humpback whale.

***Some Restrictions apply.**

Report violations to NOAA Enforcement at 1-800-853-1964.



“Code of Conduct” for Marine Mammal Viewing

1. Remain at least 100 yards from marine mammals.
2. Time spent observing individual(s) should be limited to 30 minutes.
3. Whales should not be encircled or trapped between boats, or boats and shore.
4. If approached by a whale, put the engine in neutral and allow the whale to pass.

Pursuit of marine mammals is prohibited by federal law.

Bring binoculars along on a viewing excursion to assure a good view from the required viewing distance.

The “Code of Conduct” is not a replacement for federal law.

See entire regulation and Marine Mammal Viewing Guidelines at www.fakr.noaa.gov

Please report injured or stranded marine mammals to NOAA Fisheries at 907-586-7235.

