

## **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.



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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 (Landma	arks)
SPECIFIC LOCATION	<u>^</u> NW
SPECIES (If known, use guide	e)
APPROXIMATE SIZE/AGE CLA	SS
NATURE OF DISTRESS (Describ	be in detail what you see, colors, numbers, type of line)
GENERAL CONDITION OF THE	WHALE
WEATHER/SEAS (Wind, swell	l, visibility)
IS THE ANIMAL MOVING? Y	/N speed heading
CAN YOU STAND BY? Y / N	PHOTOS? Y/N VIDEO? Y/N
porpoises, seals incidents of mari	l or stranded whales, dolphins, s and sea lions, or to report ne mammal harassment, please hotline at 1-800-853-1964.
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