

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO HARASS, FEED, HUNT,
CAPTURE OR KILL WILD DOLPHINS**

To report violations, call NOAA Fisheries Service
Office of Law Enforcement at 1-800-853-1964

To report marine mammal sightings or injuries,
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**PROTECT NAI'A
WILD HAWAIIAN SPINNER DOLPHINS**

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**Protect Wild Hawaiian
Spinner Dolphins**

ENJOY THEM FROM A DISTANCE

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Please help wild dolphins stay wild

Hawaiian Spinner dolphins feed at night. Closely approaching or “swimming” with them prevents them from getting the daytime rest they need. You may not realize they are resting because they are always in motion. Approaching them disturbs their rest and social behavior.

Spinner dolphins use certain bays and areas close to shore that are good for avoiding predators, caring for young, and resting.

Closely approaching or swimming with wild dolphins could harm them. Although dolphins have a reputation for being friendly, they are wild animals and should be treated with caution and respect. MAHALO!

Irresponsible viewing and interactions can place both dolphins and humans at risk



Code of conduct for responsible dolphin viewing

- Remain at least 150 feet away from dolphins.
- Limit your time observing an animal to 1/2 hour.
- Do not encircle or trap dolphins between boats or the shore.
- If approached by dolphins while boating, put the engine in neutral and allow them to pass.
- Never attempt to swim with a dolphin. Leave the water if approached by an animal while swimming.

**If you care about them,
please don't closely approach
or swim with wild dolphins**