

# What to do if you run across a dead or injured Marine Mammal, Bird, or Sea Turtle

## Sea Turtle Stranding Response:

- If you find a **Dead or Injured Sea Turtle** on land or in the water in NC contact:



## (252) 241-7367 Sea Turtle Stranding Hotline

NC Wildlife Resources Commission

## SE North Carolina Marine Mammal Stranding Response:

(Dolphins, Whales, Seals, Manatees, Sharks)

- When a **LIVE OR DEAD** Marine Mammal strands on a beach please contact the people listed below **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.
- To ensure rapid and efficient response, please have the following information readily available:
  - Is the animal still alive?
  - What is the size estimate of the animal?
  - Is the animal still in the surf or is it high and dry on the beach?
- It is crucial that stranded marine mammals are examined soon after they wash up to assist in determining cause of death.
- Please include information on the exact time and a complete description of the location of the animal
- PLEASE CONTINUE TO CALL THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS UNTIL YOU HAVE SPOKEN WITH A STRANDING RESPONSE PERSON, OR HAVE TRIED ALL NUMBERS BELOW (UNCW, Aquarium, Division of Marine Fisheries)

## UNC Wilmington

Best Contact!

910) 962-7266

910) 515-7354

910) 264-9816

**BILL McLELLAN, State Stranding Coordinator**

Stranding Cell Phone

Cell Phone



## North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

910) 772-0511 Julie Smith (Office)  
910) 772-0561 Ryan McAlarney (Office)  
910) 512-2195 Husbandry Division Number



## North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries

252) 241-6015 Vicky Thayer (Cell)  
252) 241-5119 Stranding Cell Phone



## SkyWatch Bird Rescue

- If you find **any injured** bird contact the following:

**855) 407-3728**  
855) 40-RESCU

**SkyWatch Bird Rescue**



- Leave a message for bird rescue team and stay by phone for return call. **Do not give the bird food or drink**

[www.SkyWatchBirdRescue.org](http://www.SkyWatchBirdRescue.org)  
[info@SkyWatchBirdRescue.org](mailto:info@SkyWatchBirdRescue.org)