



NJ CETACEAN STRANDINGS FROM DECEMBER, 2022 THROUGH PRESENT

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DATE	LOCATION	SPECIES	AGE/SEX	DISPOSITION	NECROPSY STATUS	PRELIMINARY FINDINGS	HISTOPATHOLOGY RESULTS	NOTES
12/5/2022	IDEAL BEACH	SPERM WHALE	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	NECROPSY COMPLETED, BURIED ON SCENE	FAT CLOT AROUND THE HEART, FLUID IN LUNGS	PENDING	
12/10/2022	STRATHMERE	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	DECOMPOSED - PARTIAL NECROPSY, BURIED ON SCENE	LEVEL A DATA AND SAMPLES COLLECTED	PENDING	
12/23/2022	ATLANTIC CITY	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	DECOMPOSED - PARTIAL NECROPSY, BURIED ON SCENE	LEVEL A DATA AND SAMPLES COLLECTED	PENDING	
12/28/2022	SANDY HOOK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY DECOMPOSED, BURIED ON SCENE	N/A	N/A	
1/7/2023	ATLANTIC CITY	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED, BURIED ON SCENE	ENTANGLEMENT SCARS, HEMATOMA BEHIND BLOWHOLE, SUSPECT HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING	
1/12/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED, BURIED ON SCENE	HEMATOMA BEHIND BLOWHOLE, PROBABLE HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING	
1/18/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBAC WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD, 45MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
1/23/2023	LONG BEACH TWP	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PNEUMONIA, SUSPECTED BACTERIAL INFECTION	BRONCHOPNEUMONIA FROM VIBRIO SSP., NASITREMIASIS	
1/28/2023	BRIGANTINE	HUMPBAC WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD, 12MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
1/29/2023	IBSP	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY SCAVENGED AND DECOMPOSED, BURIED	N/A	N/A	
2/8/2023	SEASIDE HEIGHTS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY PARASITIC MIGRATION TRACTS IN BRAIN	NASITREMIASIS, GRANULOMATOUS PNEUMONIA	
2/13/2023	MOORES BEACH	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	
2/13/2023	MANASQUAN	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED, TAKEN TO LANDFILL	BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA INJURIES, SUSPECT HI/VESSEL STRIKE	ACUTE ANTEMORTEM TRAUMA	
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	BRONCHOINTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA DUE TO PRE-EXISTING PARASITIC INFECTION, ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA LIKELY DUE TO LIVE STRANDING, PARASITIC GASTRITIS AND ENTEROCOLITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	BRONCHOINTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA WITH EDEMA DUE TO PRE-EXISTING PARASITIC INFECTION, PARASITIC ENTEROCOLITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
2/18/2023	HIGHLANDS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY GI TRACT EMPTY	BRONCHOINTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA WITH FIBROSIS AND EDEMA DUE TO PRE-EXISTING PARASITIC INFECTION, ASPIRATION PNEUMONIA LIKELY DUE TO LIVE STRANDING, NECROTIZING AND SUPPURATIVE HEPATITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
2/20/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	FLOATING DEAD IN BAY	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
2/22/2023	HARTHORNE WOODS PARK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	MULTIPLE CAVITATING LESIONS IN THE BRAIN, FIBROUS ADHESIONS OF LEFT LUNG TO THORACIC WALL, PARASITIC NODULES IN LUNGS	NASITREMIASIS, PULMONARY EDEMA FROM PARASITE MIGRATION INTO THE LUNGS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
2/24/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO CORNELL FOR NECROPSY	SCANT FOOD FOUND IN G.I. TRACT, LIVER PALE IN COLOR	PENDING	
2/24/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	SENT TO CORNELL FOR NECROPSY	POSSIBLE HEART DEFECT	PENDING	
2/27/2023	AVALON	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC ON BEACH, BURIED IN BRIGANTINE	PNEUMONIA AND NECROSIS OF THE LUNGS	PENDING	
3/2/2023	SEASIDE PARK	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED, BURIED ON SCENE	BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA INJURIES, FRACTURED SKULL, ENTANGLEMENT SCARS, PROP. WOUNDS, SUSPECT HI/VESSEL STRIKE	PENDING	
3/7/2023	SANDY HOOK	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD UNDER DOCK	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	
3/15/2023	SANDY HOOK BAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY, CONJUNCTIVITIS	GLIOSIS WITH MILD HEMORRHAGE CLINICALLY INSIGNIFICANT, NOT LIKELY TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO STRANDING	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/15/2023	SANDY HOOK BAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	DISPOSED OF BY PARK STAFF DUE TO LACK OF FREEZER SPACE	LEVEL A DATA COLLECTED	N/A	
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, HEMORRHAGE LEFT LUNG	EOSINOPHILIC AND HEMORRHAGIC PNEUMONIA, PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA, MILD GLIOSIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST

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3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	UNILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS	MODERATE PNEUMONIA AND PULMONARY EDEMA, MILD TO MODERATE MASITREMAISIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION	BRONCHIOINTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA, TRACHEITIS, MENINGOENCEPHALITIS, HEPATITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITES IN ABDOMINAL CAVITY	HEPATITIS, TRACHEITIS, MENINGOENCEPHALITIS, PNEUMONIA	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, HYPER-INFLATED LOBULES, STOMACH PARASITES, TWO POX LESIONS	MENINGOENCEPHALITIS, PERIVASCULAR HEMORRHAGE IN BRAIN, PNEUMONIA	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, PLUERAL FIBROTIC PLAQUES	HEPATITIS, TRACHEITIS, PNEUMONIA, MENINGOENCEPHALITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS	HEPATITIS, TRACHEAL ADENITIS, PNEUMONIA, MENINGOENCEPHALITIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS, HEMORRHAGE PANCREAS	PERIVASCULAR BRAIN HEMORRHAGE, TRACHEITIS, PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA, PNEUMONIA	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
3/22/2023	LONG BEACH ISLAND	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD, 70MI OFFSHORE	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
3/24/2023	OCEAN CITY	PYGY SPERM WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, BURIED ON SCENE	N/A	N/A	
3/28/2023	ORTLEY	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	NO FOOD IN STOMACH OR INTESTINES	CAUSE OF DEATH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. NO SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS. NO EVIDENCE OF TRAUMA OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE.	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
4/1/2023	CAPE MAY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	THIN BODY CONDITION, ENCEPHALITIS AND PARASITE TRACKS IN BRAIN	SEVERE NECROTIZING AND GRANULOMATOUS ENCEPHALITIS, NASITREMAISIS	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
4/2/2023	SEA BRIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	FLOATING DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	
4/11/2023	RUMSON OCEANIC BRIDGE	UNK. DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	
4/15/2023	GREAT BAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD	HEAVILY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	WASHED UP ON MARSH, REPORTED MULTIPLE TIMES
4/16/2023	AVALON	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC ON BEACH, BURIED ON SCENE	NO FOOD IN G.I. TRACT, LUNGS PALE AND MOTTLED	N/A	
5/6/2023	STONE HARBOR	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
5/17/2023	CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVY PREDATION, SEVERAL SHARK BITES, ORGANS EXPOSED, GI TRACT EMPTY	N/A	
5/18/2023	FORKED RIVER	UNK. SMALL CETACEAN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	CONFIRMED TUNA
5/18/2023	SPRING LAKE	HARBOR PORPOISE	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	EXAMINED BY MMSC VOLUNTEERS, DISPOSED OF BY TOWNSHIP	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, HEAD SKELETONIZED	N/A	
5/21/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	SENT TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	HEMORRHAGING AROUND BRAIN STEM, NEMATOSIS FOUND IN GI TRACT	MENINGOENCEPHALITIS, CARDIAC FIBROSIS, AND HEMORRHAGE PULMONARY EDEMA	
5/21/2023	SEA BRIGHT	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, SLIGHTLY SCAVENGED, EXTREMELY THIN, GI TRACT EMPTY, LUNGS AND LIVE CONGESTED, PARASITIC CYSTS IN ABDOMINAL WALL	N/A	
5/21/2023	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF MALE	FLOATING DEAD	CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
5/24/2023	SEASIDE PARK	HARBOR PORPOISE	SUB-ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	EXAMINED BY MMSC VOLUNTEERS, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION, MODERATELY SCAVENGED, HEAD MISSING, PECTORAL FINS AND FLUKES SKELETONIZED	N/A	
5/28/2023	GOSHEN	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED, LEFT TO BREAKDOWN NATURALLY	N/A	N/A	
5/31/2023	RARITAN BAY	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	FLOATING DEAD	TOWED TO SHORE NECROPSY COMPLETED BURIED ON SITE	BLUNT & SHARP FORCE TRAUMA INJURIES, FRACTURED SKULL, LEFT PEC SEVERED, PROP. WOUNDS, SUSPECT HI/VESSEL STRIKE	ACUTE ANTEMORTEM SHARP AND BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA	
6/5/2023	NORTH BEACH	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY, TEETH NOT YET ERUPTED, FETAL FOLDS PRESENT, AIR IN LUNGS	N/A	
6/7/2023	CAPE MAY POINT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	INTERNAL HEMORRHAGING DUE TO BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS FOUND IN LUNGS	SEVERE HEMORRHAGING OF THE LIVER FROM BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA	

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6/12/2023	CAPE MAY POINT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
6/22/2023	WILDWOOD	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC GRANULOMAS AND FOCAL FIBROSIS FOUND IN THE LUNGS	MENINGOENCEPHALITIS AND MENINGOMYELITIS HEPATIC LIPIDOSIS	
6/23/2023	WOODBIDGE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED ON SCENE	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	STOMACH AND INTESTINES EMPTY	SEVERE ALVEOLAR EDEMA, MODERATE MYOCARDIAL FIBROSIS AND CONGESTION IN THE HEART. MODERATE PERIVASCULAR EDEMA IN THE BRAIN AND MILD PERIVASCULAR HEMORRHAGE IN BOTH THE BRAIN AND HEART	
6/24/2023	SEASIDE PARK	RISSO'S DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	ENTEROCOLITIS, NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS	ACUTE LYMPHOPLASMACYTIC MENINGOENCEPHOLITIS	
7/17/2023	BARNEGAT BAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	FLOATING DEAD	TOO DECOMPOSED, CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
8/12/2023	LONG BRANCH	HUMPBAC WHALE	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSY COMPLETED, BURIED ON SCENE	LEFT FLUKE MISSING FROM PREVIOUS VESSEL STRIKE DOCUMENTED IN FALL 2022. SOME FOOD IN STOMACH AND GI TRACT, BRUISING AROUND HEAD AND NECK	PENDING	
8/23/2023	ASBURY PARK	UNK. BALEEN WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD, 12MI OFFSHORE	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
8/29/2023	LOVELADIES	PYGMY SPERM WHALE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC CYSTS IN BLUBBER, NEMATODES IN GI TRACT, LARGE SECTION OF INTESTINE IMPACTED W/ FECAL MATTER AND AMBERGRIS	INTESTINAL IMPACTION	NO AUDITORY TRAUMA CONFIRMED BY CT SCAN REVIEWED BY RADIOLOGIST
8/30/2023	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD	NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
9/25/2023	SEA ISLE CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, EUTHANIZED DUE TO POOR BODY CONDITION (UNDERWEIGHT, LETHARGIC)	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BRAIN LESIONS SUGGESTIVE OF PARASITE MIGRATION, STOMACH AND INTESTINES EMPTY	NASITREMAISIS	PUSHED BACK OUT INTO THE OCEAN BY BEACH GOERS BUT RESTRANDED A FEW HOURS LATER
9/27/2023	MANTOLOKING	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC CYSTS IN STOMACH, NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS	N/A	
9/27/2023	KEYPORT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	PARASITIC CYSTS IN STOMACH, NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS	N/A	
9/29/2023	WILDWOOD	UNK. DOLPHIN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR EDUCATION	N/A	N/A	SHORT SECTION OF SPINAL COLUMN
10/1/2023	BARNEGAT BAY	MINKE WHALE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC STAFF	FROTH IN THE LUNGS, FISH BONES AND PARASITES IN STOMACH AND INTENSTINES, DISCOLORED FLUID IN SHOULDER, THIN BODY CONDITION, NO EVIDENCE OF TRAUMA	PENDING	REFLOATED AND RESTRANDED SEVERAL TIMES OVER 5 DAYS. EUTHANIZED ON 5TH DAY.
10/6/2023	BARNEGAT LIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	HEAVILY SCAVENGED, TOWED TO NEARBY STATE PARK FOR DISPOSAL	N/A	N/A	HI - TANGLED IN CRAB POT
10/13/2023	SEA BRIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	FLOATING DEAD 12MI OFFSHORE	NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
10/16/2023	BARNEGAT LIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	FLOATING DEAD, RECOVERED	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	WEIGHT AND BODY CONDITION WERE FAIR, LUNGS CONGESTED, LIVER DARK, C.O.D. UNK.	N/A	HI - VESSEL STRIKE POST MORTEM
10/18/2023	LEONARDO STATE MARINA	MINKE WHALE	SUB-ADULT MALE	FOUND DEAD BETWEEN BREAKWATER AND BULKHEAD	NECROPSY PERFORMED BY MMSC STAFF	BLOODY FROTH IN THE LUNGS, SIGNS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN MULTIPLE ORGANS, NO FOOD IN GI TRACT	PENDING	
12/4/2023	SANDY HOOK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PREGNANT, PARASITIC CYSTS IN BODY CAVITY WALL, HEMORRHAGIC LESIONS IN BRAIR	NASITREMAISIS ENCEPHALITIS	
1/6/2024	NORMANDY BEACH	HARBOR PORPOISE	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BODY CONDITION FAIR, ACUTE PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA, MASS OF ENTANGLED NEMATODES IMPACTED IN ESOPHAGUS	SEVERE ULCERATIVE AND NECROTIZING GASTRITIS, BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, CHANGES IN HEART AND LUNGS INDICATIVE OF EXERTIONAL MYOPATHY	
1/22/2024	LITTLE EGG HARBOR	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	LIMITED NECROPSY COMPLETED, LEFT ON SITE	VERY THIN, LUNGS VERY DARK. ALL OTHER GROSSLY NORMAL. STOMACH AND GI TRACT EMPTY	N/A	
1/28/2024	HARVEY CEDARS	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, NET AND CUT MARKS ON HEAD AND BODY. FLUKE CUT OFF AT PEDUNCLE. VERY LITTLE BLOOD IN BODY. PREGNANT. NO FROTH IN LUNGS.	N/A	HI - ANIMAL WAS LIKELY ALIVE WHEN TAIL WAS SEVERED
2/16/2024	RARITAN RIVER	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	INITIALLY REPORTED FREE SWIMMING BUT STRANDED DEAD	WASHED OUT WITH TIDE, COULD NOT BE RELOCATED	N/A	N/A	
2/19/2024	AVALON	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	LIGHTLY SCAVENGED	BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA, OTHER MICROSCOPIC CHANGES TO MULTIPLE ORGANS INDICATIVE OF CAPTURE/EXERTIONAL MYOPATHY	
2/22/2024	BRIGANTINE	STRIPED DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY. PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS, PARASITIC CYST IN ABDOMINAL WALL	NECROTIZING POLIOENCEPHALITIS AND MENINGITIS, PULMONARY EDEMA AND CONGESTION, MORBILLIVIRUS	

2/25/2024	WILDWOOD	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO MMSC FOR NECROPSY	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED AROUND HEAD	N/A	
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3/10/2024	STONE HARBOR	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY, NUMEROUS LESIONS CONSISTANT WITH PARASITISM	PULMONARY NEMATODIASIS, GRANULOMATOUS PNEUMONIA, NASITREMIASIS	
3/11/2024	ATLANTIC CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY, HEMORRHAGIC LESIONS THROUGHOUT THE BRAIN, PARASITIC CYSTS THROUGHOUT ABDOMINAL WALL	SEVERE NECROTIZING AND GRANULOMATOUS ENCEPHALITIS, NASITREMIASIS	
3/11/2024	VILLAS	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	GI TRACT EMPTY, TRACHEA AND BRONCHI DENSELY PACKED WITH NEMATODES	SEVERE CHOLANGIOHEPATITIS, SEVERE BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, CHRONIC MYOCARDIAL FIBROSIS	
3/21/2024	OLD BRIDGE TWP.	HARBOR PORPOISE	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	EXAMINED BY MMSC VOLUNTEERS AND DISPOSED OF BY DPW	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, MODERATELY SCAVENGED. NO OBVIOUS COD.	N/A	
3/24/2024	ATLANTIC CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVAL	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	LESIONS IN BRAIN CONSISTANT WITH PARASITE MIGRATION, GI TRACT EMPTY	SEVERE BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, NASITREMIASIS	
3/26/2024	OCEAN CITY	HARBOR PORPOISE	SUB-ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED. DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
3/30/2024	ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED. TO BE DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
4/4/2024	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
4/4/2024	SEA ISLE CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
4/11/2024	BRANT BEACH	HUMPBAC WHALE	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NECROPSIED BY MMSC STAFF	PREVIOUS ENTANGLEMENT SCARS, BRUISING AROUND HEAD, SKULL AND CERVICAL VERTEBRAE SHATTERED, RIBS AND SCAPULA DISLOCATED. ORGANS LIQUIFIED.	PENDING	
4/11/2024	SEASIDE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
4/29/2024	AVALON	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SOME SCAVENGING, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	FETAL FOLDS STILL PRESENT	N/A	
4/30/2024	CAPE MAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	RELOCATED TO WILDWOOD CREST, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/1/2024	BARNEGAT LIGHT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	THIN, GI TRACT EMPTY, LUNGWORMS, THORACIC LYMPH NODES ENLARGED	LYMPHOHISTIOCYTIC MENINGOENCEPHALITIS WITH NEURONAL NECROSIS, NECROTIZING ADRENALITIS, LYMPHOHISTIOCYTIC AND NECROTIZING HEPATITIS	
5/1/2024	IBSP	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED ALIVE, PUSHED OUT BY BYSTANDERS, WASHED UP DEAD NOT LONG AFTER	CARCASS WASHED BACK OUT WITH THE TIDE AND COULD NOT BE RECOVERED	N/A	N/A	
5/4/2024	SURF CITY	HARBOR PORPOISE	SUB-ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SOME SCAVENGING, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/4/2024	HOLGATE	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE, REFLOATED AND RESTRANDED SEVERAL TIMES	EUTHANIZED BY VET, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	THIN, GI TRACT EMPTY, PNEUMONIA, MODERATE PARASITISM IN GI TRACT	NASITREMIASIS, EOSINOPHILIC AND GRANULOMATOUS BRONCHOPNEUMONIA	
5/10/2024	PORT MONMOUTH	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE, PUSHED BACK OUT BY BYSTANDERS. RESTRANDED. EUTHANIZED BY VET	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	THIN, GI TRACT EMPTY, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS/PNEUMONIA	HISTOPATHOLOGIC FINDINGS CONSISTENT WITH SEVERE, CHRONIC NEUROBRUCCELLOSIS	ADDITIONAL VIRAL TESTING PENDING
5/11/2024	STONE HARBOR	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKOWN	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD. CARCAS COULD NOT BE RECOVERED. DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/11/2024	SPRING LAKE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKOWNN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED. DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/18/2024	LONG BRANCH	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, INTESTINES EXPOSED. DISPOSED OF BY DPW.	N/A	N/A	
5/23/2024	MIDDLE TWP.	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND LIGHTLY SCAVENGED. BLOATED. SKIN SLOUGHING. LEFT ON SITE	N/A	N/A	ON BEACH CLOSED FOR MIGRATING BIRDS.

5/24/2024	CAPE MAY COURTHOUSE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	ALIVE. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS MADE TO HERD ANIMAL BACK TO OPEN WATER. DIED DURING CAPTURE	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BODY CONDITION FAIR, SEVERAL POX LESIONS ON SKIN, PARASITIC GRANULOMAS IN LUNGS, CAVITATING LESION ON RIGHT LATERAL CEREBRAL CORTEX.	CHRONIC LEUKOENCEPHALOMALACIA, ISCHEMIC VASCULAR DISEASE AFFECTING THE BRAIN, KIDNEYS AND HEART	ADDITIONAL VIRAL TESTING PENDING, SAMPLE PREPARED FOR ACOUSTIC TESTING
5/24/2024	THOMPSONS BEACH	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	CALF UNKOWN	STRANDED DEAD. WASHED OUT WITH TIDE	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED.	N/A	N/A	SPOTTED ON 5/22, BUT NOT REPORTED UNTIL 5/24. VOLUNTEERS COULD NOT RELOCATE CARCASS.
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5/24/2024	VILLAS	BOTLENOS DOLPIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED. LEFT ON SITE	N/A	N/A	ON BEACH CLOSED FOR MIGRATING BIRDS.
5/28/2024	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	CALF UNKOWN	STRANDED DEAD	BLOATED. FLOATING 2.5 MILES OFFSHORE CARCASS NEVER WASHED ASHORE	N/A	N/A	
6/1/2024	ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND SCAVENGED, LEFT FLOATING	N/A	N/A	
6/4/2024	SEASIDE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	NUMEROUS POX LESIONS IN ORAL CAVITY AND ON TONGUE AND EPIGLOTTIS, PARASITIC PNEUMONIA, MUCOSAL ULCERATIONS IN PYLORIC STOMACH	SEPTICEMIA, BACTEREMIA, LYMPHOPLASMACYTIC MENINGOENCEPHALITIS, NECROTIZING HEPATITIS, SPLENIC NECROSIS, VERMINOUS PNEUMONIA	ADDITIONAL VIRAL TESTING PENDING
6/13/2024	SPRING LAKE	BEAKED WHALE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BILATERAL PULMONARY CONGESTION AND EDEMA, GRANULOMAS AND INTRA-DUCTULAR FLUKES IN LIVER, TAPEWORMS AND NEMATODES IN GI TRACT	GENERALIZED NECROTIZING ENCEPHALOMYELITIS PRIMARILY AFFECTING GREY MATTER OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD, GASTRIC TREMATODIASIS	HEAD AND VARIOUS TISSUES COLLECTED FOR SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE, ADDITIONAL VIRAL TESTING PENDING
6/13/2024	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
6/14/2024	OCEAN CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	JUVENILE UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
6/14/2024	MIDDLE TWP.	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
6/20/2024	GANDY'S BEACH	HUMPBAC WHALE	JUVENILE UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, BLOATED, INTESTINES EXPOSED	N/A	N/A	THIRD PARTY REPORT WITH PHOTOS. DESPITE 3 DAY SEARCH BY MULTIPLE AGENCIES, CARCASS COULD NOT BE RELOCATED
6/30/2024	VILLAS	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, BLOATED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
7/6/2024	CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY PARK STAFF	N/A	N/A	
7/25/2024	BRIGANTINE	COMMON DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
8/10/2024	GALLOWAY	STRIPED DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD. CARCASS COULD NOT BE RECOVERED DUE TO REMOTE LOCATION.	N/A	N/A	
8/11/2024	BELMAR	UNKNOWN BALEEN WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SMALL SECTION OF DECOMPOSED FLESH AND VERTEBRAE.	N/A	N/A	FLOATING ~12 MILES OFFSHORE
8/29/2024	LONG BRANCH	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	WRAPPED IN 66 FOOT SECTION OF NET, LIGATURE MARKS AROUND HEAD AND PEDUNCLE. LARGE SHARK BITE WOUND NEAR BLOWHOLE	N/A	HUMAN INTERACTION, NET RETAINED FOR ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS
9/13/2024	BELMAR	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	HEMORRHAGE AND NECROSIS PRESENT IN BRAIN AND LUNGS, GI TRACT EMPTY, TREMATODES ATTACHED TO LINING OF STOMACH CHAMBERS	NASITREMIASIS, GASTRIC TREMATODIASIS	

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9/22/2024	SEASIDE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
9/23/2024	BARNEGAT LIGHT	HUMBACK WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, PARTIAL CARCASS, SEVERAL PARTS OF BLUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS BONES. DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
9/25/2024	BRIGANTINE	STRIPED DOLPHIN	SUB-ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, TAKEN TO NJHADL FOR NECROPSY	MENINGOENCEPHALOMYELITIS, BRONCHOPNEUMONIA WITH INTRABRONCHIAL NEMATODES, INFLAMATION OBSERVED IN THE KIDNEYS AND INTESTINES, CEREBROSPINAL FLUID TESTED POSITIVE FOR BRUCELLA	PENDING	
10/1/2024	LONG BRANCH	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
10/1/2024	BRICK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	DEPENDENT CALF MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
10/3/2024	HOLGATE	UNKNOWN BALEEN WHALE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, FLOATING ~3.5 MILES OFFSHORE	N/A	N/A	10/5/2024 CARCASS WASHED ASHORE ON NORTH SIDE OF LITTLE EGG INLET
10/4/2024	LAVALLETTE	MINKE WHALE	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD, NECROPSIED BY MMSC STAFF, BURIED BY DPW	THIN, STOMACH AND INTESTINES EMPTY, LESIONS AND INFLAMMATION ON SEVERAL ORGANS SUGGEST POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE	PENDING	
10/30/2024	ALLENHURST	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD, CARCASS APPEARS TO HAVE HAD FLESH REMOVED WITH A SHARP IMPLEMENT	FLESH REMAINING ONLY ON HEAD, DORSAL FIN AND FLUKES, HEART AND LUNGS WERE THE ONLY REMAINING ORGANS, HEAVY SCAVENGING TO REMAING TISSUES	N/A	NOAA OLE INVESTIGATING, CARCASS IS CONFIRMED TO BE AN ANIMAL THAT STRANDED ALIVE HOURS EARLIER BUT SWAM OUT WITH INCOMING TIDE. INVESTIGATION RULED OUT HUMAN INTERACTION. CARCASS LIKELY SCAVENGED BY SCHOOL OF DOGFISH.
10/31/2024	NEW BRUNSWICK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, UNABLE TO BE RECOVERED, CARCASS TAGGED AND LEFT ON SITE	N/A	N/A	
11/2/2024	MIDDLETOWN	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, MEASUREMENTS AND PHOTOS TAKEN, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
11/3/2024	SEASIDE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD, VERY THIN, MONOFILAMENT LINE AROUND NECK CUTTING INTO SKIN, WOUND HEALING AROUND LINE, TAKEN TO NJHADL FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	NOAA OLE NOTIFIED, LINE RETAINED FOR INVESTIGATION
12/3/2024	CAPEM MAY POINT	MINKE WHALE	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE	EUTHANIZED BY VET, NECROPSIED BY MMSC STAFF, CARCASS DISPOSED OF BY DPW	EMACIATED, FISH BONES IN STOMACH, INTESTINES AND COLON EMPTY, LUNGS AND LIVER SEVERELY CONGESTED, NUMEROUS LESIONS ON MAJOR VESSELS OF THE HEART	PENDING	
12/9/2024	LONG BRANCH	HUMBACK WHALE	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, FLOATING OFFSHORE, BLOATED, INTESTINES EXPOSED, NO OBVIOUS CAUSE OF DEATH	N/A	N/A	LEFT FLOATING
12/19/2024	BRIGANTINE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, MOSTLY SKELETONIZED WITH SOME SOFT TISSUE, CARCASS INCOMPLETE, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
3/4/2025	MONMOUTH BEACH	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE. EUTHANIZED	BODY CONDITION GOOD, NUMEROUS LESIONS ON HEAD, DORSAL AND FLUKES. SEVERAL TEETH SEVERELY WORN OR MISSING. TAKEN TO NJHADL FOR NECROPSY	GASTRIC ULCERATION, PERITONEAL ABSCESS, SLIGHT THICKENING OF CORONARY ARTERY, INTRABRONCHIAL NEMATODES.	MODERATE VERMINOUS AND BACTERIAL BRONCHOPNEUMONIA, EVALUATION OF THE LIVER ALONG WITH ULCERATIVE GASTRITIS AND MILD ENTERITIS SUGGEST A CHRONIC PARASITIC INFECTION. A DEFINITIVE CAUSE OF STRANDING/DEATH COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.	

3/5/2025	OCEANPORT	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED ON SCENE	FAIR BODY CONDITION. LESIONS IN MOUTH, MANY WORN/MISSING TEETH, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
3/7/2025	ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK	UNKNOWN DOLPHIN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	FRONT HALF OF CARCASS SKELETONIZED, INTESTINES EXPOSED, VERY LITTLE SKIN REMAINING	N/A	N/A	
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3/19/2025	BRIGANTINE	UNKNOWN DOLPHIN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	MOSTLY SKELETONIZED, HEAD AND PECS MISSING	N/A	N/A	
3/19/2025	ATLANTIC CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED ON SCENE	FROTH PRESENT AROUND BLOWHOLE, PINPOINT LESIONS ALL OVER BODY, NUMEROUS WORN/MISSING TEETH. TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	EMACIATED, MILD TO MODERATE PARASITIC INFECTIONS	MENINGOENCEPHALITIS WITH NECROSIS, VERMINOUS BRONCHOPNEUMONIA AND EDEMA, CHANGES TO BRAIN AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM SUGGEST LIKELY PROTOZOAL INFECTION	ADDITIONAL TESTS PENDING
3/24/2025	EDGEWATER	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	>50% OF SKIN MISSING, ADVANCED DECOMPOSITION, NO OBVIOUS COD. DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
3/31/2025	OCEAN CITY	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED ON SCENE	BODY CONDITION WAS FAIR, NO SIGNIFICANT LESIONS, TAKEN NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	THIN NUTRITIONAL CONDITION, MILD PANNICULITIS, MODERATE PARASITE LOAD	MENINGOENCEPHALITIS	
4/1/2025	BRIGANTINE	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, VERY THIN, LARGE NUMBER OF ISOPODS THROUGHOUT CARCASS, NO OBVIOUS COD	N/A	N/A	
4/2/2025	BRIGANTINE	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT UNKOWN	STRANDED DEAD	CARCASS ON SANDBAR IN CHANNEL, INACCESSIBLE, CARCASS APPEARED TO BE MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, LIGHTLY SCAVENGED, LEFT ON SITE	N/A	N/A	
4/3/2025	OCEAN CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	BODY CONDITION APPEARED NORMAL, NO OBVIOUS COD, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	BODY CONDITION WAS ADEQUATE, SEVERE VERMINOUS PNEUMONIA, NUMEROUS SOFT BARNACLES ON CAUDAL EDGES OF FLUKES	PENDING	
4/8/2025	ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK	COMMON DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERAL DIVOTS IN SKIN, MANY TEETH MISSING/WORN, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
4/11/2025	OCEAN CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE EUTHANIZED	VERY THIN BODY CONDITION, FAIRLY UNRESPONSIVE, NUMEROUS RAKE MARKS ALL OVER BODY, SEVERAL SMALL LESIONS NEAR DORSAL FIN, NUMEROUS SOFT BARNACLES ON TRAILING EDGES OF DORSAL FIN, PECS AND FLUKES. TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	POOR BODY CONDITION WITH DEPLETED MUSCLE MASS, VERMINOUS PNEUMONIA, PARASITIC GASTRITIS, NUMEROUS SOFT BARNACLES ON CAUDAL EDGES OF DORSAL, PECS AND FLUKES.	PENDING	
4/19/2025	CAPE MAY POINT	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED ON SCENE	THIN BODY CONDITION, NO OBVIOUS COD, SEVERAL MINOR LACERATIONS AND RAKE MARKS PRESENT, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	SEVERE VERMINOUS PNEUMONIA, SEVERE CESTODIASIS, MILD PARASITIC GASTRITIS	PENDING	
4/28/2025	MIDDLE TWP.	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, MODERATELY SCAVENGED, STRANDED IN REMOTE LOCATION, UNABLE TO CONFIRM SPECIES	N/A	N/A	
5/2/2025	HOLGATE	STRIPED DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE EUTHANIZED	PUSHED BACK OUT BY BEACHGOERS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE MMSC WAS NOTIFIED, VERY THIN BODY CONDITION, MINOR LACERATIONS ON VENTRAL SIDE NEAR HEAD, EUTHANIZED, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	

5/5/2025	AVALON	STRIPED DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	FRESH DEAD, NO OBVIOUS COD, SEVERAL RAKE MARKS ON PECS AND PEDUNCLE, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
5/14/2025	SEA BRIGHT	PILOT WHALE	SUBADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE EUTHANIZED	VERY THIN, LETHARGIC, REPORTEDLY REFLOATED AND RESTRANDED PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERS ARRIVING ON SCENE.	BODY CONDITION WAS POOR, GI TRACT COMPLETELY EMPTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME WORMS IN MAIN STOMACH, COLON EMPTY, SEVERE PNEUMONIA, LIVER CONGESTED	PENDING	
5/17/2025	VILLAS	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	CALF FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	NO OBVIOUS COD, ROSTRAL HAIRS AND FETAL FOLDS STILL PRESENT, SMALL SECTION OF UMBILICUS STILL PRESENT, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
5/22/2025	OCEAN CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED DEAD	NO OBVIOUS COD, OLD HEALED WOUNDS ON PECS (LIKELY FROM FAILED PREDATION ATTEMPTS), TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
5/22/2025	CAPE MAY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, EMACIATED, SKIN SLOUGHING, LACERATIONS IN THE CORNERS AND ROOF OF MOUTH FROM POSSIBLE ENTANGLEMENT(WOUNDS APPEAR TO BE POST MORTEM), NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT LESIONS ON CARCASS, CARCASS EXAMINED BY MMSC STAFF, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/30/2025	TOWN BANK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, MODERATELY SCAVENGED, MOST OF SKIN SLOUGHED OFF, BLOATED, DISPOSED OF BY DPW	N/A	N/A	
5/31/2025	TOWN BANK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, HEAVILY SCAVENGED, SKIN AND ORGANS MISSING, NO OBVIOUS COD, DISPOSED OF BY DPW.	N/A	N/A	
6/6/2025	SALEM CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, SKIN SLOUGHING, BLOATED, NO OBVIOUS COD, NECROPSY BY MMSC STAFF, DISPOSED OF BY DPW.	VERY THIN, GI TRACT COMPLETELY EMPTY, ALL INTERNAL ORGANS EXTREMELY FRIABLE, COD COULD NOT BE DETERMINED	N/A	
6/9/2025	NORTH WILDWOOD	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	JUVENILE MALE	STRANDED DEAD	MODERATELY DECOMPOSED, SKIN SLOUGHING, BLOATED, NO OBVIOUS COD, DISPOSED OF BY MMSC VOLUNTEER	N/A	N/A	
6/10/2025	BRIGANTINE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE EUTHANIZED	THIN BODY CONDITION, NO OBVIOUS INJURY OR ILLNESS, VERY LETHARGIC, NUMEROUS RAKE MARKS ON BODY, OLD SCAR ON RIGHT SIDE NEAR DORSAL	PENDING	PENDING	
6/12/2025	HEISLERVILLE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT MALE	ALIVE, DIED SHORTLY AFTER CAPTURE	THIN BODY CONDITION, INITIALLY REPORTED TO MMSC ON 6/5/2025, LATER REPORTS CLAIM ANIMAL MAY HAVE BEEN IN CREEK SINCE 6/24/2025. ANIMAL WAS SUCCESSFULLY NETTED FROM CREEK BUT STOPPED BREATHING WHILE BEING LOADED INTO RESCUE VEHICLE AND COULD NOT BE RESUSCITATED. TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	SUSPECTED ABSCESS ON LEFT LATERAL ABDOMEN FULL OF YELLOW/GREEN FLUID, NUMEROUS PARASITIC GRANULOMAS AND LUNGWORMS PRESENT, CAUDAL PORTION OF LEFT LUNG WAS FIRM AND SANK IN FORMALIN (LIKELY VERMINOUS PNEUMONIA), CEREBRAL SPINAL FLUID WAS DARK RED, SEVERAL PARTIALLY DIGESTED FISH IN NON-GLANDULAR STOMACH ALONG WITH SEVERAL SHALLOW ULCERS IN THE MUCOSA, NUMEROUS FLUKES PRESENT IN GALANDULAR AND PYLORIC STOMACH CHAMBERS, ABUNDANT TAPEWORMS THROUGHOUT THE INTESTINES AND COLON.	PENDING	
6/13/2025	DEAL	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	STRANDED DEAD	SKIN SLOUGHING, BLOATED, LARGE WOUND ON DORSAL SIDE OF BODY BEHIND HEAD, CARCASS WASHED OUT BEFORE VOLUNTEERS COULD ARRIVE ON SCENE.	N/A	N/A	

6/14/2025	ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	SKIN SLOUGHING, SLIGHTLY BLOATED, NO OBVIOUS INJURY OR COD. TO BE DISPOSED OF BY PARK STAFF.	N/A	N/A	
6/21/2025	SPRING LAKE	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	THIN, STUCK IN JETTY, NUMEROUS RAKE MARKS PRESENT, XENO ON DORSAL AND FLUKES, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
6/23/2025	BEACH HAVEN TERRACE	HUMPBACK WHALE	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	INITIALLY REPORTED ON 6/23/2025 FLOATING ~3.5 MILES OFFSHORE, APPEARED RELATIVELY FRESH, NO OBVIOUS COD, CARCASS LANDED ON BEACH ON 6/27/2025, SEVERELY DECOMPOSED, MODERATELY SCAVENGED, NO EXTERNAL SIGNS OF TRAUMA, SKIN MISSING, NUMEROUS BONES EXPOSED, NO FRACTURES NOTED, THE ANIMAL'S BODY CONDITION WAS THIN, LEVEL A DATA AND GENETICS COLLECTED, EXAMINED BY MMSC STAFF, DISPOSED OF BY DPW.	N/A	N/A	
6/29/2025	ATLANTIC CITY	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	EMACIATED, NO OBVIOUS INJURY OR COD, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
6/30/2025	AVALON	STRIPED DOLPHIN	ADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED	THIN, NO OBVIOUS INJURY OR COD, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
7/13/2025	DEAL	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	SUBADULT MALE	STRANDED ALIVE EUTHANIZED	BODY CONDITION WAS GOOD, NO OBVIOUS ILLNESS, LETHARGIC AND NOT VERY RESPONSIVE, MOSTLY HEALED SCAR BEHIND DORSAL FIN FROM POSSIBLE PREVIOUS HUMAN OR FISHERIES INTERACTION, NUMEROUS SHARK BITES ALL OVER BODY, SEVERAL OF WHICH WERE QUITE SEVERE.	PENDING	PENDING	
7/24/2025	STONE HARBOR	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED DEAD	PROBABLE SHARK BITES ON RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER, BODY AND PEDUNCLE, WEIGHT WAS OK, NO OBVIOUS COD, TAKEN TO NJAHD FOR NECROPSY	PENDING	PENDING	
8/2/2025	BARNEGAT LIGHT	MINKE WHALE	ADULT FEMALE	STRANDED ALIVE BUT DIED BEFORE MMSC ARRIVED	BODY CONDITION WAS THIN, ANIMAL REPEATEDLY STRANDED IN SHALLOW WATER AND REPORTEDLY COLLIDED WITH AT LEAST TWO VESSEL PRIOR TO LANDING ON A SANDBAR AND EXPIRING ON ITS OWN.	PENDING	PENDING	