

PORT TOWNSEND MARINE SCIENCE CENTER AT FORT WORDEN STATE PARK

As a regional stranding network, PTMSC staff and volunteers respond to stranding reports, keep shoreline users at a safe distance, and collect data from dead animals. PTMSC covers the shoreline from Brinnon to the west side of Sequim Bay.

TO REPORT A STRANDING CALL:

360-385-5582 EXT 103

This message line is checked several times a day. Messages left on other extensions may not be received the same day.

Taking photographs of the animal is extremely helpful. Also indicate if this is a heavily used beach, if you observe dogs running on the beach and any other activity of concern.

You may email photos to our staff at mmsn@ptmsc.org.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A MARINE MAMMAL IS STRANDED?

A stranding occurs in the wild and involves one or more marine mammals. A stranded marine mammal may be: dead onshore or floating in the water; alive but injured or unable to return the water; or alive but unable to return to its natural habitat without assistance. Any animal that appears injured, in distress or out of its natural habitat should be reported. When in doubt, please report the animal.

Keep 100 yards from marine mammals on shore if possible. Do not attempt to touch, harass or feed marine mammals.



First dedicated marine animal hospital in the State of Washington serving the Pacific Northwest. They respond to stranding as referred by the standing network. You may want to send a copy of the email to SR3 incase they need to pick up the animal: info@SealifeR3.org.