



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE PROTECTED RESOURCES DIVISION



The Marine Mammal Branch of the Southeast Region Protected Resources Division provides protection and recovery for marine mammals through collaborative management, research, outreach and partnerships.

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(727) 551-5758 (MMAP Hotline)

(727) 824-5312 (General)

Marine Mammal Authorization Program Hotline

The primary goals of the Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) are to exempt commercial fishermen from Marine Mammal Protection Act prohibitions against incidental take of marine mammals in certain fisheries; to educate and inform fishermen about marine mammal interactions; and to increase fishermen self-reporting of incidental takes.

MMAP applies to commercial fishermen in Category I and II Fisheries

- MMAP registry is automatic in some NMFS regions, including the Southeast
- Registered fishermen must carry an Authorization Certificate as required by law as proof of registry during enforcement boardings
- Registered fishermen must carry observers when requested by the National Marine Fisheries Service or a designated contractor
- ALL fisherman (including Category III) must report incidental take that results in a marine mammal being seriously injured or killed



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Get Help With

- **MMAP Registration**
- **Authorization Certificates**
- **Marine Mammal Serious Injury and Mortality Reports**
- **Category I and II Fishery Information**
- **General MMAP Questions**