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DOLPHIN FRIENDLY FISHING

HELP PROTECT WILD DOLPHINS WHILE FISHING

SERIOUS AND EVEN FATAL DOLPHIN INJURIES FROM INTERACTIONS WITH RECREATIONAL FISHING GEAR AND BOATS ARE ON THE RISE. YOU CAN HELP PREVENT THESE INJURIES AND POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO YOUR GEAR, BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS DESIGNED TO PROTECT MARINE MAMMALS:

1. NEVER FEED WILD DOLPHINS – IT’S HARMFUL AND ILLEGAL.
2. REUSE (FREEZE) OR SHARE LEFTOVER BAIT.
3. REEL IN YOUR LINE IF DOLPHINS ARE NEAR.
4. CHANGE LOCATIONS IF DOLPHINS SHOW INTEREST IN BAIT OR CATCH.
5. RELEASE CATCH QUIETLY AWAY FROM DOLPHINS WHEN AND WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO SO WITHOUT VIOLATING ANY STATE OR FEDERAL FISHING LAWS OR REGULATIONS.
6. INSPECT GEAR AND TERMINAL TACKLE TO AVOID UNWANTED LINE BREAKS.
7. USE CIRCLE AND CORRODIBLE HOOKS (NON-STAINLESS STEEL) TO REDUCE INJURIES TO WILDLIFE.
8. NEVER CAST TOWARDS DOLPHINS.
9. STAY AT LEAST 50 YARDS AWAY FROM DOLPHINS.
10. RECYCLE FISHING LINE AND STASH YOUR TRASH.

To report feeding or harassment of wild dolphins, call the NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement at: 1-800-853-1964
To report an injured or entangled dolphin at: 1-877-WHALE-HELP
For more information on bottlenose dolphin conservation, visit NOAA’s Fisheries Service Southeast Regional web site at: http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov