

# Seal on the Beach!



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When responding to a stranded marine mammal, our goal is always to minimize threats to the health and safety of both humans and animals. So, when we get a call that there is a seal on the beach, the Marine Mammal Rescue team goes to work. Check out the boxes below to learn more about our team in action!

Start by **CLICKING** on the badge to link directly to a video about the SSC Marine Mammal Rescue Program.

## REPORT

When a stranding call comes in to the Hotline, the team determines its response. The first **QUESTIONS** we ask are:

- Where is it?
- Is it Alive or Dead?
- If Alive, is it Healthy or Sick/Injured?



## DISPATCH

Marine Mammal Rescue staff then collect as much information as possible and **DISPATCH** a volunteer to respond to the report. Volunteers will bring materials to assess the seal, collect scientific data, protect it by establishing a safety perimeter, and inform with signage and educational materials.

## RESPOND

### Healthy



- Post signs, establish perimeter
- Keep public at a safe distance
- Keep a field responder stationed there when possible
- Monitor animal's health progression/regression
- Relocate and flipper tag if needed



### Sick/Injured/Abandoned Seals

- Typically start by monitoring
- Seek rehabilitation space
- Collect animal & transport
- Rehabilitation
- End goal: Release



## EDUCATE



Our team complies with federal regulations, lessens the pain/suffering of the animals, minimizes threats to safety of animals and humans, collects scientific data, and educates people about the marine mammals that live here. Click on the video to learn more about what you can do if you spot a seal on the beach!