

# BeachCOMBER + Safety

## **YOUR SAFETY IS FIRST !**

- Always bring your buddy
- Be aware of surf / weather conditions
- Erosion of cliffs
- Injured Live Wildlife
  - Call Marine Mammal Center or Native Animal Rescue
- Notify rangers when you find major hazards
  - Oil spills
  - Unexploded ordinances
  - If it looks dangerous, don't pick it up

# BeachCOMBER Contacts – Strandings



Harbor Porpoise

J. Harvey

## ➤ **Dead Sea Turtles, Cetaceans or Pinnipeds**

Moss Landing Marine Lab 831-771-4422

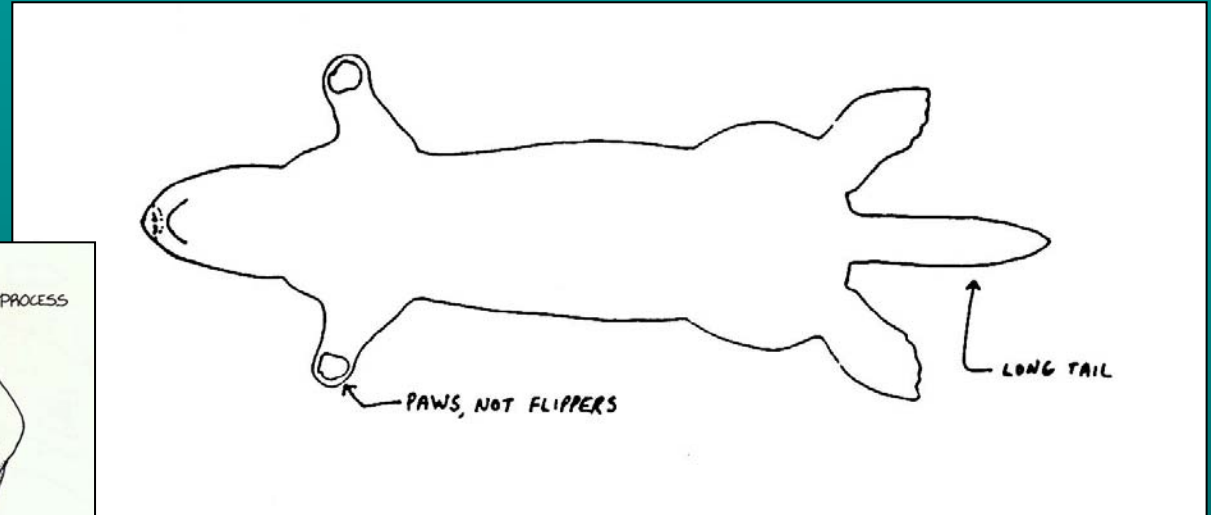
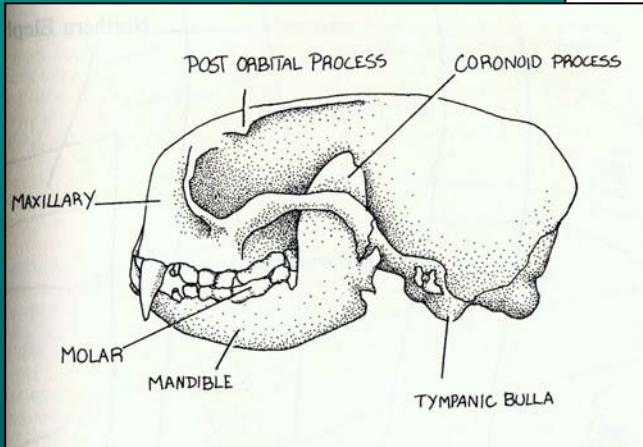
(Monterey Co.)

Long Marine Lab 831-459-3800 (Santa Cruz Co.)

## ➤ **Live Marine Mammals**

Marine Mammal Center 831-633-6298

# BeachCOMBER Contacts – Strandings



*Report all Sea Otters*

## ➤ Sea Otters

Monterey Bay Aquarium: 831-648-4840

California Dept. Fish & Game: 831- 469-1719

## **When reporting marine mammals:**

1. Animal size and description (species)
2. Number of animals
3. Condition (live, dead or injured)
4. Location & specific directions to site
5. Your contact number and name

# BeachCOMBER Contacts

## - Oil spills



### ➤ **Report Oil Spills**

Dept. Fish & Game:  
831-469-1719

### ➤ **Assistance on the beach**

State Parks Dispatch:  
831-384-7695

### ➤ **Live Birds**

Native Animal Rescue: 831- 462-0726

Monterey SPCA 831- 373-2631

Monterey Bay Aquarium 831-648-4840

# BeachCOMBER Oil Sampling Protocol

- **Oil is toxic – avoid handling or skin contact**
- **Oil spill documentation**
  - **Note tarball deposition**
  - **Diameter, number**
- **Chain of custody – it becomes evidence**
  - **Wrap in foil, evidence envelope, & label**
  - **Use nitrile gloves (blue) only. Don't use latex gloves or plastic bags.**
- **Live oiled birds**
  - **Native animal rescue or SPCA**
- **Dead oiled birds**
  - **Record on datasheet**
  - **If collecting, note “9” in Post column**
  - **Collect in brown paper bag – one bag per animal**
  - **Label with your name, date, location, & species**
  - **Bring to MLML or Fish & Game, Santa Cruz**