SE NORTH CAROLINA MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING RESPONSE

WHEN A **LIVE OR DEAD** MARINE MAMMAL STRANDS ON A BEACH PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

TO ENSURE RAPID AND EFFICIENT REPONSE, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE:
(1) Is the animal still alive?
(2) What is the size estimate of the animal?
(3) Is the animal still in the surf or is it high and dry on the beach?

IT IS CRUCIAL THAT STRANDED MARINE MAMMALS ARE EXAMINED SOON AFTER THEY WASH UP TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH.

Please continue to call the following numbers until you have spoken with a stranding response person, or have tried all numbers below.

UNC WILMINGTON:

(910) 962-7266	**BILL McLELLAN, State Stranding Coordinator**
(910) 264-9816	**Cell phone**
(910) 254-5713	**STRANDING PAGER**

NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT FORT FISHER:

(910) 458-8257	**OFFICE (Paul Barrington x 221, Peggy Sloan x 230)**
(910) 622-4650	**CELL (Paul Barrington)**
(910) 297-6054	**CELL (Peggy Sloan)**

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES:

(252) 222-6371	**OFFICE (Vicky Thayer)**
(252) 241-6015	**STRANDING CELL**

WHEN YOU CALL, PLEASE INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE EXACT TIME AND A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATION OF THE ANIMAL.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!!