

Oil spill response, assessment, and restoration: Marine mammals
Connecting communities with oil spill research

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Thursday, March 29th 2018, 9am – 3pm CST

Goals

- **Share** recent research findings related to marine mammals and oil spills.
- **Define** research gaps, restoration for marine mammals, and monitoring needs.
- **Discuss** how to integrate marine mammal research, response, assessment, restoration, and resource management.
- **Connect** researchers, emergency response community, natural resource managers, wildlife rescue organizations, veterinarians, aquarium staff, NGOs, volunteers, citizen scientists, and others.

Draft agenda

Time	Potential Topic	Potential Speaker
9:00	Sea Grant Overview & Seminar Objectives	Chris Hale, Texas Sea Grant
9:15	Oil Spill Response Guidelines & Best Management Practices	Liz Stratton, NOAA
9:45	Natural Resource Damage Assessments of big & small spills	Laurie Sullivan NOAA ARD
10:15	Marine mammal restoration	Laura Engleby, NOAA-NMFS
10:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:00	Assessing dolphin health: Inshore populations	Ryan Takeshita, CARMMA
11:30	Using acoustics to study impacts to marine mammal populations	Amy Veprauskas, LADC-GEMM
12:00	Q&A with speakers	All speakers – panel
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:30	Overview of breakout & discussion activity	Chris Hale
2:30	Regroup & report out	
3:00	Adjourn	