

MARINE MAMMAL REGULATIONS

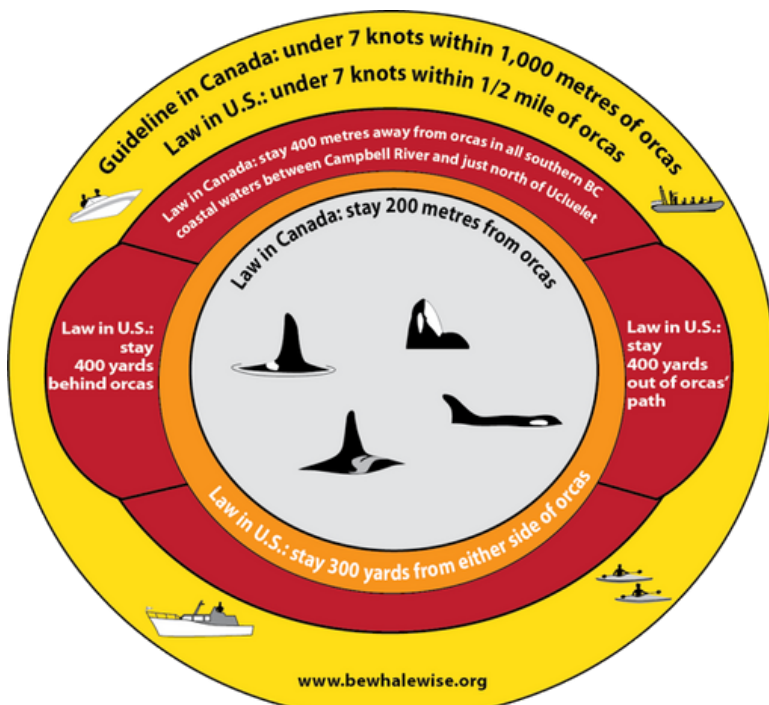
The Marine Mammal Regulations are set out by the Government of Canada through the Fisheries Act. The law is as follows:

No person shall approach a marine mammal to, or to attempt to:

- (a)** feed it;
- (b)** swim with it or interact with it;
- (c)** move it or entice or cause it to move from the immediate vicinity in which it is found;
- (d)** separate it from members of its group or go between it and a calf;
- (e)** trap it or its group between a vessel and the shore or between a vessel and one or more other vessels; or
- (f)** tag or mark it.

Approach Distances to Marine Mammals:

- **200 m*** for all Killer Whales in BC (see below for more details)
- **200 m** for whale, dolphin, and porpoise species with calves or in resting position
- (the whale will look like it's not moving and will be floating at or near the surface)
- **100 m** for all other whales, dolphins and porpoises
- When viewing marine mammals from the air using a drone: (1) maintain a **1,000-foot minimum altitude** within a **0.5 nautical mile (approx. 3,000ft radius)** of a marine mammal; and (2) **avoid** flight maneuvers around marine mammals (on land or in the water), as these actions may cause stress or alter animal behaviour. Know and follow all local regulations.



*Mandatory **400 m** vessel approach distance for ALL killer whales in southern BC coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet.

It is mandatory to report any accidental contact between marine mammals and a vehicle or fishing gear to DFO (1-800-465-4336 or DFO.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo-gc.ca).