**The Laws**

Regulations of Canada, the U.S. and Washington State prohibit the harassment and disturbance of killer whales and other marine mammals. Many species are listed as threatened or endangered and are therefore subject to additional protections under the Endangered Species Act (U.S.) and the Species at Risk Act (Canada).

**What is a disturbance?**

Disturbance is when we interfere with an animal’s ability to hunt, feed, communicate, socialize, rest, breed, or care for its young. These are critical processes necessary for healthy marine wildlife populations.

**Enforcement**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement are dedicated to the enforcement of state and federal laws that protect and conserve our nation’s living marine resources and their natural habitat.

Washington Fish and Wildlife Officers, NOAA Fisheries Special Agents and local law enforcement officers have specific authority to enforce applicable state and federal laws designed to protect killer whales and other marine mammals.

**Report Violators**

IN THE US 1-800-853-1964
NOAA Fisheries, Office for Law Enforcement

IN CANADA 1-800-465-4336
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Online: www.bewhailewise.org

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