Sea Turtles in Washington and Oregon

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**1958**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 09/??/1958 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Naselle, WA | Live/Dead | Caught in a gillnet in the Naselle River estuary.\* |

**1961**

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| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 02/20/1961 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Westport, WA | Unknown | \* |

**1963**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| No Date | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Grays Harbor, WA | Live | \* |

**1980**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 05/11/1980 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Off Westport, WA | Live | Sighted at sea.\* |
| 09/15/1980 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead | \* |
| 07/19/1980 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Off Westport, WA | Live | Sighted at sea.\* |

**1981**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 02/??1981 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead | \* |
| 02/??/1981 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Benson Beach,WA | Live | Found live with a puncture wound, treated at Seattle Aquarium and released.\* |
| 10/03/1981 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Port Angeles, WA | Dead | Sighted at sea.\* |

**1984**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 9/23/1984 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Off Westport, WA | Live | Sighted at sea.\* |

**1985**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 08/26/1985 | Leatherback Sea Turtle (2+) | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Off La Push, WA | Live | Sighted at sea.\* |
| 09/07/1985 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Kalaloch, WA | Dead | \* |
| 09/19/1985 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Twin Harbors, WA | Dead | \* |
| 10/10/1985 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead | \* |
| 10/30/1985 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Queets, WA | Dead | \* |

**1987**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 08/??/1987 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Ocean Park, WA | Dead/Mutilated | \* |
| 10/09/1987 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacae* | Yellowbank, WA | Dead | \* |

**1989**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 11/13/1989 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Copalis, WA | Dead | \* |
| 11/17/1989 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Ocean Shores, WA | Live |  |
| 11/??/1989 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Ocean Shores, WA | Undetermined |  |
| 11/23/1989 | Olive Ridley Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Newport, OR | Live |  |

**1990**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 01/22/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Cannon Beach, OR | Dead |  |
| 01/27/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Sunset Beach, OR | Dead |  |
| 1/29/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Copalis Beach WA | Live |  |
| 1/30/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Klipsan Beach, WA | Dead |  |
| 02/03/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Twin Harbors, WA | Dead | \* |
| 02/09/1990 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Sunset Beach, Or | Live |  |
| 12/01/1990 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Ocean Shores, WA | Live |  |

**1991**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 11/06/1991 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Pistol River, OR | Live/Dead | Turtle was alive when found but died shortly thereafter. |

**1992**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 07/21/1992 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Depoe Bay, WA | Dead |  |
| 08/09/1992 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Skagit Bay, WA | Live | Turtle reported seen from vessel underway. |
| 08/14/1992 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Westport Bay, WA | Live |  |

**1993**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 05/11/1993 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Newport, Or | Live |  |
| 07/21/1993 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Oysterville, WA | Dead |  |
| 08/09/1993 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | LaPush, WA | Live | Turtle reported seen from vessel while underway. |
| 09/13/1993 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Leadbetter Pt., WA | Dead |  |
| 09/21/1993 | Leatherback Sea Turtle | *Dermochelys coriacea* | Ft. Canby, WA | Dead |  |

**1994**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 03/21/1994 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Takenich Creek, OR | Dead |  |

**1995**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 9/12/1995 | Unknown | *N/A* | Waldport, OR | Dead | Field #: NW-1892 Source: Jim Rice |

**1996: No Sea turtles reported.**

**1997**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 4/29/1997 | Unknown | *N/A* | Unknown, OR | Alive | Field #: NW-1707 Source: Jim Rice |

**1998**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 01/17/1998 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Beverly Beach SP., OR | Live |  |
| 1/24/1998 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Lincoln City, OR | Live/Dead |  |
| 11/05/1998 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Gleneden Beach, OR | Live/Dead |  |
| 11/05/1998 | Unknown | *N/A* | Lincoln Beach, OR | Dead | Field #: NW-210 Source: Jim Rice |

**1999**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 03/14/1999 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Taholah, WA | Dead |  |
| 10/31/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Long Beach, WA | Live/Dead |  |
| 11/22/1999 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Long Beach, WA | Live/Dead | Carcass collected and frozen for later identification. |
| 12/08/1999 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Pacific City, OR | Live/Dead |  |
| 12/10/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Agate Beach, OR | Live/Dead |  |
| 12/13/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Long Beach, WA | Live | M544 |
| 12/15/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Pacific City, OR | Live |  |
| 12/16/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Taholah, WA | Dead |  |
| 12/16/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead | Carcass collected and frozen for later identification. |
| 12/17/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Copalis, WA | Dead | Carcass collected and frozen for later identification. |
| 12/30/1999 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Ocean Shores, WA | Live | M543 |

**2000**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 01/06/2000 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Outer coast, WA | Dead | Carcass brought in by tourist, no stranding location information available. |
| 01/09/2000 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead |  |
| 01/12/2000 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Moolak, OR | Dead |  |
| 01/26/2000 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead |  |
| 03/19/2000 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Gearheart, OR | Live | M546/M547 |

**2001**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 02/02/2001 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Long Beach, WA | Live |  |
| 03/27/2001 | Unidentified Sea Turtle |  | Ocean Shores, WA | Undetermined | Undetermined status reported via WSP but no subsequent information. |
| 10/08/2001 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Pacific Beach, WA | Live | M548/R65 |
| 12/06/2001 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Seaside, OR | Live/Dead |  |

**2002-2003: No sea turtles reported from northwest beaches.**

**2004**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 01/27/2004 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Wesport, WA | Live | M549 |

**2005-2006: No sea turtles reported from northwest beaches.**

**2007**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 01/14/2007 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Sand Island, OR | Dead |  |
| 1/07/2007 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Lincoln Beach, OR | Alive | Field #: HMSC07-01-07-Cm  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/24/2007 | Loggerhead Sea Turtle | *Caretta caretta* | Gearheart, OR | Live/Dead | Field #:  HMSC07-01-07-Cm  Died 12/25/2007  Source: Jim Rice |

**2008**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 03/02/2008 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | S. Sand Point, WA | Dead |  |
| 10/23/2008 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Sandlake, OR | Alive | Field #:  HMSC08-10-23-Cm  Source: Jim Rice |

**2009**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 02/06/2009 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Ocean Shores, WA | Dead | Carcass collected and frozen for later identification |
| 11/22/2009 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Newport, OR | Live | Field #:  HMSC09-11-22-Lo  Transferred to OCA  Source: Jim Rice |
| 11/25/2009 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Agate Beach, OR | Live | USFWS Data |
| 11/25/2009 | Pacific Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Seaside, OR | Live | USFWS Data |
| 11/28/2009 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Long Beach, WA | Live | Field #:  HMSC09-11-29-Cm  Transferred to OCA  Source: Jim Rice |

**2010**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 11/13/2010 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Horsefall beach, OR | Dead |  |
| 11/14/2010 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | North Bend, OR | Fresh Dead | Field #:  HMSC10-11-14-Lo  Source: Jim Rice |
| 11/18/2010 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Long Beach, WA | Live/Dead | Died 11/22/2010 |
| 11/19/2010 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia*  *Mydas (ssp)* | Seaview, WA | Alive | Field #  HMSC10-11-19-Cm  Source: Jim Rice |

**2011: No sea turtles reported.**

**2012**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 6/18/2012 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Moolack Beach, OR | Live | Field #: HMSC12-06-18-Cm Transferred to OCA, released by Sea World. Access to photo in a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |
| 7/18/2012 | Pacific Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Moolack Beach, OR | Live | USFWS Data |
| 12/17/2012 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Gearhart, OR | Live | Field #: HMSC12-12-17-Lo Transferred to OCA, died upon arrival.  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/17/2012 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Seaside, OR | Live | Field #: HMSC12-12-17-Cm Transferred to OCA, died upon arrival.  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/17/2012 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Seaside, OR | Live | USFSW Data |
| 12/18/2012 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Seal Rock, OR | Dead | Field #: HMSC12-12-18-Lo  Fresh Dead  Access to photo in a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/19/2012 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Driftwood Shores State Park, WA | Dead | USFSW Data |
| 12/22/2012 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | 9/30/2013 | Florence, OR | Dead | Field #: HMSC12-12-22-Lo  Fresh Dead  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/24/2012 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Neskowin, OR | Dead | Field #: HMSC12-12-24-Cm  Fresh Dead  Access to photo in a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |

**2013**

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| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 4/21/2013 | Unidentified Sea Turtle | Unidentified | Florence, OR | Alive | Field #: HMSC13-04-21-St  Source: Jim Rice |
| 8/1/2013 | Unidentified Sea Turtle | Unidentifed | Newport, OR | Alive | Field #: HMSC13-08-01-St  Source: Jim Rice |
| 9/30/2013 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Lincoln City, OR | Alive | Field #: HMSC13-09-30-Lo  Access to photo in a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |
| 9/30/2013 | Olive Ridley Sea Turtle | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | D-River, OR | Live | USFSW Data |

**2014**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 5/12/2014 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | 42.91960 N, -124.49768 W  Langlois, OR | Dead | Field #: HMSC14-05-12-Cm  Buried on site  Access to photo in a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |
| 8/13/2014 | Green Sea Turtle | *Chelonia mydas (ssp)* | Florence, OR | Alive | Field #: HMSC14-08-13-Cm  Access to a Google+ Album  Source: Jim Rice |
| 12/22/2014 | Olive Ridley | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Oysterville, WA | Alive | Field #: 122214LoST  Transferred to OCA 12/22/2014 for rehabilitation. Photos of Level A and turtle provided. |
| 12/24/2014 | Olive Ridley | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Warrenton, OR | Fresh Dead | Field#:122414LoST  Photos of Level A and turtle provided |
| 12/29/2014 | Olive Ridley | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Benson Beach, WA | Fresh Dead | Field#: 122914LoST  Photos of Level A and turtle provided |

**2015**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Date | Common Name | Genus/Species | Location | Status | Notes |
| 1/5/2015 | Olive Ridley | *Lepidochelys olivacea* | Oysterville, WA | Alive | Field #: 010515LoST  1/5/2015 transferred to Seattle Aquarium for rehabilitation. Photos of Level A and turtle provided. |
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