



Environmental Institute of Houston - University of Houston, Clear Lake

Galveston Bay Dolphin Monitoring Program

Dolphins are protected from harassment under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Always follow these viewing guidelines when observing wild dolphins:

- Always Observe Dolphins from a safe distance of at least 50 Yards
- Turn off your motor or remain in neutral when at all possible while observing dolphins
- Limit Viewing time to no more than 30 minutes
- Avoid circling or entrapping dolphins between watercrafts or watercraft and shore
- Avoid abrupt movements or loud noises around dolphins
- Avoid separating mother/calf pairs; give more space / leave the area if small calves are present
- Move away cautiously if behaviors indicate the animal is stressed or disturbed
- NEVER TOUCH, SWIM WITH, OR FEED WILD DOLPHINS, EVEN IF THEY APPROACH YOU

IF YOU OBSERVE A STRANDED OR INJURED DOLPHIN CALL 1-800-9-MAMMAL

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

* Record data for each separate group of dolphins sighted; Number sightings in numerical order, starting at 1 for each new day; Always circle measurement units

Sighting # _____

Date: _____ Latitude / Longitude: _____ d.d or d/m/s (circle one)

Time: _____ Location Description: _____

Estimated # of
Dolphins: _____ Water Temperature: _____ °F or °C (circle one) Depth: _____ M or Ft (circle one)

Notes:

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