

Collecting dead marine mammal parts while beachcombing

<u>You Need to Know</u>	<u>NON-NATIVE</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your ethnicity Land ownership – it’s your responsibility to know any removal restrictions. Population status, under ESA*, of the marine mammal you find. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can collect and possess bones, teeth, and ivory – ONLY Can NOT collect ANY part of a seal, sea lion, or whale with an ESA* status – except bearded seal (see chart below and/or page 2) MUST register teeth, bones, or ivory from <u>seals</u>, <u>sea lions</u>, and <u>whales</u> with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) MUST register teeth, bones, or ivory from <u>walruses</u>, <u>polar bears</u>, and <u>sea otters</u> with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Chart of the managing agency, population status under ESA*, and what parts you may recover, by species.

WHALE / PORPOISE	Agency	ESA* Status	Alaska Native	Non-Native
Right whale	NMFS	Endangered	All	Can not collect
Gray whale	NMFS	None	All	Bones, but not baleen
Humpback whale	NMFS	Differs by stock	All	Bones, but not baleen
Bowhead whale	NMFS	Endangered	All	Can not collect
Minke whale	NMFS	None	All	Bones, but not baleen
Fin whale	NMFS	Endangered	All	Can not collect
Beluga whale	NMFS	Differs by stock	All	Bones, teeth or ivory Cook Inlet: Prohibited
Orca/killer whale	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Harbor porpoise	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory

ALASKA NATIVE

- For subsistence purposes -
- Can collect and possess all parts
- MUST register specific parts from walruses, polar bears, and sea otters with USFWS

* Endangered Species Act



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	Agency	ESA* Status	Alaska Native	Non Native
SEAL				
Bearded seal	NMFS	Threatened	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Ringed seal	NMFS	Threatened	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Ribbon seal	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Spotted seal	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Harbor seal	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
SEA LION				
Pribilof fur seal	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
Steller sea lion (East of Cape Suckling, Alaska)	NMFS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
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WALRUS				
Pacific walrus	USFWS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory
BEAR				
Polar bear	USFWS	Threatened	All	Bones, teeth or ivory; No claws
OTTER				
Sea otter (SW Alaska)	USFWS	Threatened	All	Can not collect
Sea otter (Southeast & South central Alaska)	USFWS	None	All	Bones, teeth or ivory

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Questions?



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