



The Marine Mammal Commission at 40

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The Commission's Work

- **Statutory Responsibilities**
- **How they are met**



Key Issues/Milestones

- The “optimum” concept
- Fishery interactions
- MMPA amendments in ‘88 and ‘94
- Species/populations of special concern
- Strandings, unusual mortality events
- Ocean pollution
- Climate change



Lessons Learned

- **Funding limitations and competing needs**
- **Need to anticipate problems**
- **Lack of data**
- **Addressing issues when data are questionable**
- **Engage stakeholders**
- **Communication**