Dolphin Safe Viewing Guide

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DOLPHINS ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

ALWAYS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WHEN OBSERVING DOLPHINS:

- Observe dolphins from a safe distance of at least 50 yards
- Turn off your motor or remain in neutral when possible
- Limit viewing to 30 minutes or less
- Do not chase, encircle, or entrap dolphins with your vessel
- Do not intentionally direct your vessel to encourage bow riding
- Avoid abrupt movements or loud noises
- Give more space to moms with calves (avoid separating them!)
- Slowly leave the area if dolphins show signs of disturbance

NEVER TOUCH, SWIM WITH, OR FEED WILD DOLPHINS!

Report feeding or harassment of wild dolphins: NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement 1-800-853-1964
Report injured or entangled dolphins: Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network 1-800-9-MAMMAL