Seacoast Science Center
Marine Mammal Rescue Team

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Our Goals

- Minimize threat of the health and safety to both humans and animals
- Educate the public about the animals we see on our beaches
- Lessen the pain and suffering of animals
- Collect scientific data
- Comply with legal agreements with government agencies
The Rescue Team

- 4 Staff (1 fulltime, 3 part-time)
- 1 Consulting Veterinarian
- 34 Volunteer Field Responders
What are we responsible for?

• 24 hour hotline
• First response; all marine mammals are protected by the MMPA
• Education
• Data collection
• Determining best course of action, and carrying through on that action

What are we not responsible for?

• Rehabilitation
  - National Marine Life Center
  - Mystic Aquarium
• Necropsy
  - New England Aquarium
• Disposal of the Animal
Our Territory

Response area: NH coastline, Great Bay Estuary, Hampton-Seabrook Harbor, and 3 of the Isles of Shoals

We are also assisting NOAA Fisheries with Northern MA which includes: Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Ipswich, and Rowley
Deceased Animals
Field Data Collection
Necropsy & Tissue Archive
Live Animals
Healthy

- Post signs, establish perimeter
- Keep public at a safe distance
- Keep a field responder stationed there when possible
- Monitor animal’s health progression/regression
- Relocate and flipper tag if needed
Sick/Injured/Abandoned Seals

- Typically start by monitoring
- Seek rehabilitation space
- Collect animal & transport
- Rehabilitation
- End goal: Release

February 21, 2016

May 31, 2016
Capture Techniques

• Toweling
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• Boarding
Once captured...

Rehabilitation  Relocation, Tagging, Release
Data 2014-2016 YTD

Number of Reports/Month

- 2014
- 2015
- 2016
- 2017
Seal Armstrong
Rescued Feb. 22, 2016
Rehabbed 2 ½ months...
You can help by remembering 3 things

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