

TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 31 - MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION

SUBCHAPTER V - MARINE MAMMAL HEALTH AND STRANDING RESPONSE

§ 1421h. Definitions

In this subchapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) The term “Fund” means the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund established by section 1421d (a) of this title.
- (2) The term “Office” means the Office of Protected Resources, in the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- (3) The term “stranding” means an event in the wild in which—
 - (A) a marine mammal is dead and is—
 - (i) on a beach or shore of the United States; or
 - (ii) in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States (including any navigable waters); or
 - (B) a marine mammal is alive and is—
 - (i) on a beach or shore of the United States and unable to return to the water;
 - (ii) on a beach or shore of the United States and, although able to return to the water, is in need of apparent medical attention; or
 - (iii) in the waters under the jurisdiction of the United States (including any navigable waters), but is unable to return to its natural habitat under its own power or without assistance.
- (4) The term “stranding network participant” means a person who is authorized by an agreement under section 1382 (c) of this title to take marine mammals as described in section 1379 (h)(1) of this title in response to a stranding.
- (5) The term “Tissue Bank” means the National Marine Tissue Bank provided for under section 1421f (a) of this title.
- (6) The term “unusual mortality event” means a stranding that—
 - (A) is unexpected;
 - (B) involves a significant die-off of any marine mammal population; and
 - (C) demands immediate response.

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Amendments

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103–238, § 24(c)(7), made technical amendment to reference to section 1421d (a) of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 103–238, § 24(c)(8), made technical amendment to reference to section 1421f (a) of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act.