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Up to
\$20,000 REWARD
for information on sea lion shootings



The NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement is seeking information about recent shootings of sea lions near West Seattle and surrounding areas. More than 12 California sea lions have been confirmed shot in King and Kitsap counties since September.

Sea lions and other marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which carries civil penalties of up to \$28,520 per count, a year in prison, criminal fines, and forfeiture of any vessel involved.

Left: A dead sea lion found on a West Seattle beach with a gunshot wound. Photo by Robin Lindsey

A reward of up to **\$20,000** may be paid if you provide information about a violation that leads to the issuance of a civil penalty or criminal conviction.

Call 206-526-4300

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