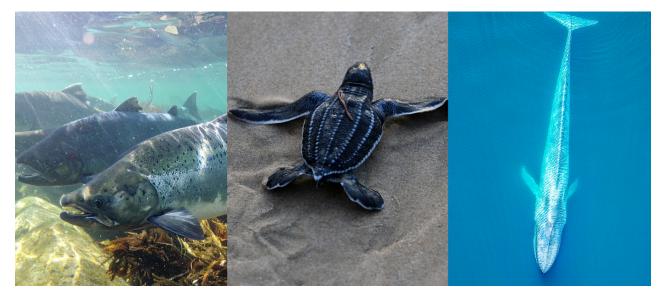


About the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act:

For over 50 years, the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have been cornerstone laws of ocean conservation in the United States. Both laws were passed in response to overwhelming public support.



The landmark MMPA law has safeguarded dolphins, whales, porpoises, manatees, seals, sea lions, otters and polar bears. Thanks to the MMPA, not a single marine mammal species has gone extinct in U.S. waters, despite increasing ocean use. It has also helped keep our oceans healthy and created the world's largest wildlife-watching industry.



Equally as important is the ESA. The <u>ESA protects 743 endangered</u> <u>animals from Snails to Blue Whales!</u> Thanks to the ESA, this law has prevented the extinction of 99% of listed species, helping save icons like the bald eagle and grizzly bear in the United States. The ESA protects not only species but also millions of acres of habitat: forests, beaches, rivers, and wetlands that species rely on to survive and recover.

What is happening to the MMPA and ESA?

In January 2025, Trump administration began attacking the Endangered Species Act in unprecedented ways since the passage of our nation's landmark conservation law.

In July 2025, Congressman Nick Begich (R-AK) introduced a draft amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This amendment prioritizes oil, gas, and industrial fishing interests over the health of our oceans and the survival of marine mammals. It would undo the very protections that have made the MMPA one of the most successful conservation laws in history.



Why defend the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act?

The Marine Mammal Protection Act has proven to be one of the most successful conservation laws in history. And at this time of increased threats to marine mammals, the MMPA is critical to their survival.

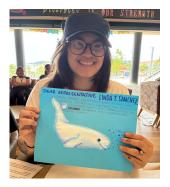
Between 80% and 90% of people in the U.S. strongly support the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This landmark piece of federal legislation, which protects threatened and endangered wildlife, fish, plants, and their habitats, has been "credited with saving 99% of listed species from extinction



ACT NOW to stop the attack on marine mammals and endangered species!

If you live in the United States:

Send a handwritten letter to your member of Congress because it's one of the most powerful and personal ways to make your voice heard. We strongly advocate for the inclusion of creative expression to help your message resonate on a deeper level. Handwritten letters stand out, they show thought, care, and genuine concern, making them more likely to catch the attention of decision-makers.







- 1 Find your favorite Endangered Species to create from. You can find a <u>list here.</u>
- Create a piece of artwork with your letter. Whether it's a drawing, painting, photograph, poem, or digital creation, art has a unique ability to move people and communicate what words alone sometimes can't.
- Find Suggested talking points to include in your letter here.
- It's important to strongly urge your U.S. Congressperson to oppose these three dangerous draft amendments introduced to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) by Congressman Nick Begich (R-AK), and H.R. 1897: "ESA Amendments Act of 2025", and H.R.180: "Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2025".
- If parental permission is granted, please email photos of your students' art & letters (be sure to conceal any last name & address information) to us so that we can share to inspire others! Email to: teamcetacean@gmail.com
- Mail your messages individually, including your name and return address, as soon as possible to your U.S. Representative (Congressperson). You can find your representative <u>here</u>.

Boost your impact by sending a letter of support to Representative Jared Huffman, ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

Representative Jared Huffman 2330 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Thank you for making a difference to Defend the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA)!

