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1. Two new brochures produced by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be available from the ANSC beginning in the second week of May 2007. Each brochure is designed to target specific areas as noted. Flotillas are encouraged to order these brochures and include them in their public outreach activities. Your assistance in providing this valuable information to the public is greatly appreciated.

A. Protect Dolphins - Admire Them from a Distance

1. This brochure is intended to cover the entire east coast (7, 5S, 5N, 1S, 1N) (yes there are Dolphins in the Gulf and on the West Coast, but NOAA desires this brochure only be distributed along the East Coast).

2. This brochure describes the harmful effects of feeding dolphins in the wild and why feeding is illegal. The brochure explains that feeding wild dolphins has been shown to: alter the animals' natural behavior; jeopardize their health through ingestion of contaminated or inappropriate food and non-food items; and reduce their wariness of people and boats which increases their vulnerability to injury or death from entanglement in fishing gear or boat strikes. The brochure also mentions that feeding dolphins in the wild poses a significant safety risk to humans, as there are documented cases of people being bitten, hospitalized, and killed by wild marine mammals when attempting to feed and closely interact with them.

B. NMFS Southeast Region Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Viewing Guidelines

1. This brochure is intended for distribution from Texas to North Carolina (8CR, 7, 5S).

2. This brochure informs the public about protection of marine wildlife. It explains NOAA Fisheries' Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Viewing "Code of Conduct." The Code of Conduct includes recommendations, such as limiting your viewing time, traveling in a predictable manner, and moving away cautiously from animals that show signs of disturbance. This brochure also provides an overview of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act.

2. The purpose of this list is to keep Auxiliarists as well as all other interested parties abreast of current developments, policies, manuals, etc. All information contained herein and linked is OFFICIAL policy and information.

3. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.

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