

Marine Mammals Committee

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Mission:

The Marine Mammals Committee was formed in 1921 and Chaired by E. W. Nelson. It is the longest-standing active Committee of the American Society of Mammalogists. Its mission is to maintain and encourage interest in marine mammals in the ASM, to provide the Society Membership with information about marine mammalogy, including conservation and legislative issues, to spearhead resolutions and legislation involving marine mammals, and to serve as a liaison between ASM and the Society for Marine Mammalogy (SMM). Members of the Marine Mammals Committee are frequently active in both ASM and the Society for Marine Mammals.

Information Items:

We had no meetings this year.

Steve Sheffield and Matt Leslie authored a letter on Gulf of Mexico (Rice's) whale which was copied to DOC/NOAA/NMFS leadership and another to DOI/BOEM leadership.

Action Items: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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