

# **Info for reporting seal injuries and strandings**

**For Cape Cod Mainland**

**Contact IFAW**

**508-743-9548**

**For the rest of Massachusetts**

**(including: North Shore, South Shore, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard)**

**Contact New England Aquarium**

**617-973-5247**

## **Tips for the Caller:**

- Seals are dangerous and will bite and attack if they feel threatened. Protect yourself and minimize stress to the seal by keeping a safe distance at which the seal isn't visibly agitated.
- It's always best for the caller to report the seal since they have the onsite information. They should be prepared to leave a message with a call-back number and detailed information about the nature of the injury and their location. It's ok if they don't know the species of seal.
- Not all seals that are hauled up on land are injured. Many are just resting. Seals that have visible wounds, netting, or other human paraphernalia wrapped around a body part should definitely be reported. When in doubt, report it!