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Dear Project Managers:

I respectfully ask for the following considerations for mammals:

- 742 1) [Navy's operational requirements should not supersede its marine stewardship obligations;]
- 743 2) [Exercises not be conducted at night or other times visibility is poor;]
- 744 3) [Completely avoid areas where marine mammals are known to congregate, feed or breed.]
- 745 4) [Close to the migration path of endangered North Atlantic right whale should be off limits to Navy traffic during migration season.]
- 746 5) [Navy should have at least 3 trained and dedicated marine mammal observers on all ships equipped with MFA sonar and employ dedicated mammal aerial surveillance to look for marine mammals an hour before and after an exercise.]
- 747 6) [When an animal (i.e. dolphins, who bow ride) is observed within 2,000 yds. of sonar dome, the sonar should be shut ^{down} until animal has left area.]

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748 7) [An after action report for each exercise, documenting ship positions and sonar use, should be prepared and made publicly available at no charge.]

✓ [Your co-operation in ensuring that no mammals suffer or die because of noise from the Navy in our precious Oceans, will be appreciated very much.]

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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