

The Marine Mammal Protection Act: Evolution, Accomplishments, Current Status, and Future Prospects

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) was signed into law 40 years ago with the purpose of protecting marine mammals and their habitats and enhancing the research basis for such protection as well as, uniquely, providing access to these protected species in a limited way. A broad suite of provisions sets the framework for how the Act has been implemented over the last 40 years. The presentation covers an introduction to the legislative history of the MMPA, the implementation and accomplishments as laid out by the provisions of the Act, and a brief look towards the future.

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