

**Department of Commerce**  
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
 Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund  
**Contribution to the NOAA Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives**  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

<b>Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund</b>	FY 2006		FY 2007		FY 2008		FY 2008		Inc/Dec	
	Actuals		Currently Available		Base Program		Estimate		from Base	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Ecosystems</b>										
Ecosystems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ECO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE: DIRECT OBLIGATIONS**  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Positions	FTE	Budget Authority	Direct Obligations
FY 2007 Continuing Resolution	-	-	-	400
less: Obligations from prior years	-	-	-	-
FY 2008 Base	-	-	-	400
plus: 2008 Program Changes	-	-	-	-
FY 2008 Estimate	-	-	-	400

Comparison by activity/subactivity	FY 2006 Actuals		FY 2007 Currently Available		FY 2008 Base Program		FY 2008 Estimate		Increase/ Decrease	
	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
FTE/OBL	-	-	-	400	-	400	-	400	-	-
Total: Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund	-	-	-	400	-	400	-	400	-	-

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**SUMMARY OF RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

	FY 2006		FY 2007		FY 2008		FY 2008		Increase/ Decrease	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Direct Discretionary Obligation	-	-	-	400	-	400	-	400	-	-
<b>Total Obligations</b>	-	-	-	<b>400</b>	-	<b>400</b>	-	<b>400</b>	-	-
<b>Adjustments to Obligations:</b>										
Unobligated balance, adj. SOY	-	(800)	-	(800)	-	(400)	-	(400)	-	-
Unobligated balance, EOY	-	800	-	400	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Budget Authority</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Financing from Transfers and Other:</b>										
Net Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Appropriation: Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund**

**GOAL STATEMENT:**

Provide funds to support investigations and responses to unusual marine mammal mortality events.

**BASE DESCRIPTION:**

In response to the death of more than 700 bottlenose dolphins on the East Coast of the United States in 1987–88, NMFS established the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, and within it, the Working Group on Unusual Marine Mammal Mortality Events to determine when an unusual mortality event is occurring, and then to direct responses to such events. Further, in the MMPA Amendments of 1992, Congress included specific provisions for investigating and responding to unusual marine mammal mortality events. Specifically, section 404 (16 USC 1421c) authorizes the Marine Mammal Mortality Event Working Group, and section 405 (16 USC 1421d) establishes the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund and describes its purposes and how donations can be made to the Fund.

Pursuant to section 405 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Fund: “shall be available only for use by the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior –

- a. to compensate persons for special costs incurred in acting in accordance with the contingency plan issued under section 1421c(b) of this title or under the direction of an Onsite Coordinator for an unusual mortality event;
- b. for reimbursing any stranding network participant for costs incurred in preparing and transporting tissues collected with respect to an unusual mortality event for the Tissue Bank; and
- c. for care and maintenance of marine mammal seized under section 1374(c)(2)(D) of this title”

In 2000, NMFS formally established the Fund. According to the MMPA, deposits can be made into Fund by the following:

- 1. “amounts appropriated to the Fund;
- 2. other amounts appropriated to the Secretary for use with respect to unusual mortality events; and
- 3. amounts received by the United States in the form of gifts, devises, and bequests under subsection (d) of this section.”

Although the Fund was authorized by Congress to receive funds in fiscal year 1993, no funds were appropriated for this purpose until FY 2005. No increase is requested for the Unusual Mortality Event Fund in FY 2007 or FY 2008.

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

None.

**SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA**

(Dollars in thousands)

Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund	FY 2006 ACTUALS	FY 2007 CURRENTLY AVAILABLE	FY 2008 BASE PROGRAM	FY 2008 ESTIMATE	INCREASE / DECREASE
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>FTE</b>	-	-	-	-	-

Note: The dollars in this table represent budget authority.

**PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FY 2008:**

No program changes are requested for this activity.

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**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASS**  
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Object Class		FY 2006 Actuals	FY 2007 Currently Available	FY 2008 Base Program	FY 2008 Estimate	Increase/(Decrease) over FY 2008 Base
25.2	Other services	-	400	400	400	-
99	Total Obligations	-	400	400	400	-
	Less Unobligated Balance, Start of Year	(800)	(800)	(400)	(400)	-
	Plus Unobligated Balance, End Of Year	800	400	-	-	-
	Total Budget Authority	-	-	-	-	-

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