**DON’T FEED THE SEALS VIDEO SHOT SHEET**

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**Video:**

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One seal in particular known by its ID as RH 32 which has been interacting with fisherman; taking baited fish off of hooks and generally engaging in a way that is not necessarily healthy for the animal and that it might be coming habituated to receiving food from humans.

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We don’t think anything intentional is occurring simply that the seal has learned that they can get an easy meal over here. So we’ve been chatting with fisherman in this location trying to encourage them not to feed the seals. Seals are a lot like dogs, if you feed them once, they’ll come back for more. So, the less you can interact with the seal, the less it receives rewards in the forms of food or interaction the better.

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Seals that become habituated to humans can see them both as sources of food and entertainment and when they get large this can be quite dangerous they can approach snorkelers, surfers. There have been seals that have grabbed onto flippers and dive fins and pulled people down we’ve had large seals that does something that seems like a seal hug. They’ll wrap their flippers but they will just drop like a stone and if that is a 500-pound adult male that is very dangerous for people so those kind of interactions we don’t want to encourage as far as the safety of human. As far as the safety of a seal, if a seal cannot provide food for himself and becomes reliant on humans, then that impacts the seals ability to survive as well.

1:27-1:36

Seals are generally non-aggressive but if they see people as food or as a source of fun then they could certainly attempt to interact.

1:39-2:09

There’s a few very easy things that fisherman could do if you see a seal in the area you can take a break for a few minutes and let the seal get bored and move on to another location that is fantastic, if the seal does get your bait or part of it, don’t throw that fish back into the water because then that seal is receiving food from you and that is an incentive for that seal to keep coming back.

If you do catch a fish and you clean it, don’t throw the scraps in the water, again that is another way that the seal is receiving food from you and its going to keep coming back.

2:10-2:31

If a seal does happen to get hooked its okay to give us a call we have a stranding hotline which is 888-256-9840. And really all that does is allow us to come out and respond quickly to make sure the seal is not injured by the hook and help the fisherman, provide tools, information, guidelines that might prevent that from happening again in the future.

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2:32- 2:58 Footage of fisherman

2:59-3:39 More footage of fisherman

3:40-3:58 Don’t feed the seals signage

3:59-4:33 Footage of fishing area Kahe Point Beach Park

4:34-5:01 Fishing pole

5:02-5:09 Closeup on fisherman fishing

5:10- 5:31 Stick fish swimming

5:32- 5:51 Footage on various fisherman

5:52-6:33 More closeup footage on various fisherman

6:34-6:43 Fishing pole, fisherman

6:44-7:25 Closeup on fisherman fishing

7:26-7:35 Footage of Kahe Power Plant

7:36-8:10 NOAA staff talking with fisherman

8:11-8:16 Fisherman fishing

8:17-8:27 NOAA staff talking with fisherman

8:28-8:43 Fisherman fishing