

## Network Veterinarian (part-time) - Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network

The Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network (ALMMSN) at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) seeks a part-time veterinarian to join our dedicated team of staff, students, researchers, and volunteers and assist with local marine mammals stranding response and necropsy in collaboration with the Southeast Region Stranding Network partners under NOAA, NMFS and USFWS direction.

This position requires at least 120 hours per year for the next five years (approximately one 10-hour day per month), with the goal to establish a long-term partnership and seek additional funding opportunities. The vet will primarily lead necropsy sessions for fresh carcasses and will provide aid during live animal strandings, but participation in any stranding activities is encouraged. Live animal strandings are uncommon but also unpredictable. The ideal candidate would have willingness and some flexibility to respond on short notice when these rare events occur.

Requirements: Candidates must be licensed veterinarians and have an interest in marine mammal medicine. Applicants with previous marine mammal experience will be given preference, but previous experience is not essential. Applicants must be willing to travel to DISL or coastal locations in Alabama at least one day per month. Training will be provided to develop skills, obtain stranding network certification, and enhance ongoing career development.

This position will be part-time and no benefits are available. ALMMSN will cover direct costs for the participating veterinarian and provide some funds to support training, including travel assistance.

ALMMSN responds to cetacean and manatee strandings in the state of Alabama, and provides mutual aid to network partners in neighboring states. ALMMSN currently responds to an average of 32 cetacean and 4 manatee strandings annually, including an average of 2 live marine mammal strandings per year. ALMMSN was established in 2011 and its members have since responded to and assisted with more than 150 stranded marine mammals. The ALMMSN team performs field and lab-based stranding response, as well as conducts marine mammal research. ALMMSN also has a new, state-of-the-art necropsy facility opening on DISL grounds in Spring 2015.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter to [almmsn@disl.org](mailto:almmsn@disl.org). If you have questions or would like further information about the position, please contact ALMMSN Stranding Coordinator Noel Wingers at 251-861-2141 x7547 or [almmsn@disl.org](mailto:almmsn@disl.org).