

- **Post larger and more prominent reflective signs** that can be seen at night to let people know that **the Federal MMPA, State law and the City's Municipal Code** protect animals from harassment.
- The **police should issue citations** when they see or are called on violations of municipal code concerning disturbances of wildlife.
- **Keep the rope up year round.** This is a logical public safety measure for humans and animals. This rope should consist of four lines that are taut to discourage people from crossing the line which not only prevents seal harassment, but also helps ensure public safety. As you are aware, there are those who approach the seals too closely which puts them at risk of being bitten which could be especially harmful for small children. The City would have **liability issues** if this were to happen.
- **Close the beach at night** by placing a gate at the top of the stairs which would be locked at night. It is a dangerous place to fall on the stairs for which the City would be liable. In addition, harbor seals need to rest on the beach 10-14 hours per day to restore their body temperature and replenish their oxygen supply. When it is hot during the summer and the seals spend most of the day in the water, they should have some safe hours they can rely upon for resting.
- **Test both the sand and water at Casa Beach.** It WILL be contaminated so this information needs to be posted by the City warning the public of this danger. Young children could become very ill if they play in the sand and happen to eat some of it. If you should find unacceptable levels of pollution, the City would need to work with the County to ensure that such signs are posted.
- **Post reflective signs at the top of the stairs** saying that **dogs are NEVER allowed on the beach.** There is a serious risk of diseases being passed between wild and domestic animals. Also, seals are protected under the MMPA from potential injury and harassment.
- **Prohibit fire pits** on this particular beach. The fires are a danger sign to the animals and would deprive them of the necessary hours needed to rest for the reasons mentioned above.
- **Install better lighting** along the sidewalk so the public can easily see the posted signage
- **Prohibit fishing from the sea wall** as this is the primary cause of seal entanglement in fishing lines and nets. These entanglements lead to serious seal injuries which result in more rescues (and accompanying costs) for Sea World to rescue and rehabilitate wounded animals.
- **Post rip current signs** all along the sidewalk from the lifeguard station to the gazebo.