

FISH 475: MARINE MAMMALOGY
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List of marine mammal family names to be memorized:

Odontocete cetaceans:

Beaked whales: Ziphiidae

Indian river dolphin: Platanistidae

Amazon river dolphin: Iniidae

Chinese river dolphin: Lipotidae

La Plata dolphin: Pontoporiidae

Beluga and Narwhal: Monodontidae

Sperm whale: Physeteridae

Pygmy and Dwarf Sperm Whale: Kogiidae

Dolphins: Delphinidae

Porpoises: Phocoenidae

Mysticete cetaceans:

Right whales: Balaenidae

Pygmy right whale: Neobalaenidae

Rorquals: Balaenopteridae

Gray whale: Eschrichtidae

Sirenians:

Manatees: Trichechidae

Dugong: Dugongidae

Steller's sea cow: Hydrodamalidae

(note – some authorities include the Steller's sea cow as part of the Dugongidae)

Pinnipeds:

Sea lions and fur seals: Otariidae

True seals: Phocidae

Walrus: Odobenidae

Marine otters and polar bear:

Sea otter, marine otter, and river otter: Mustelidae

Polar bear: Ursidae