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MEDIA ADVISORY: NOAA Fisheries to Announce Preliminary Findings on Cause of Unusual Mortality Event in Mid-Atlantic

NOAA Fisheries will share its preliminary findings on the cause of the high number of bottlenose dolphin strandings that have occurred in coastal areas from New York to Virginia over the past several weeks. NOAA Fisheries staff and other scientists from the University of Georgia and National Marine Mammal Foundation will be on hand to answer questions and share next steps.

For more information on this UME please visit our website

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/mmume/midatltdolphins2013.html>

WHAT: Media Availability

Call in information: Domestic 1-888-810-5905

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WHO: Dr. Teri Rowles, NOAA Fisheries Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program

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Other Background Information:

For more information on UMEs: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/mmume>

For more information on bottlenose dolphins:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/bottlenosedolphin.htm>

Background on why animals strand: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/health/faq.htm>

History of the National Stranding

Program: http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/stranding/NERStrandingHistory.pdf

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