



## **Marine Wildlife Internship Program**

**2014 Season**

### **Sponsored by the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA)**

The New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) is seeking qualified upper level high school, college and graduate students for our Marine Wildlife Internship Program. NECWA interns work alongside staff members to conduct a variety of educational programs, research projects and conservation activities. Our internship program provides a comprehensive experience in the field of marine biology that is meaningful and essential for those interested in marine science.

Internships can begin at any time of the year, and typically require a 3-month commitment. Interns must commit to a minimum of 20 hours a week. Internship positions are non-paid and can be coordinated privately or through a school or university program. Interns must provide their own transportation to and from work areas and housing is not provided. To learn more about our internship program, go to our Marine Wildlife Internship webpage at <http://necwa.org/internships.html>.

Internship activities can include:

- Working as a research assistant aboard commercial whale watching boats operating out of Plymouth Harbor. (April through the end of October)
- Inputting sighting data into Excel and FileMaker Pro, a database program.
- Learning photo-identification techniques that utilize Adobe PhotoShop to process photographic images of individual whales, sharks and ocean sunfish.
- Assisting with strandings and necropsies of ocean sunfish and basking sharks on Cape Cod beaches.
- Assisting Mass Audubon at Wellfleet Bay with sea turtles strandings and transport.
- Assisting with sea turtle and torpedo ray necropsies in early winter.

The New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) is a non-profit organization based in southeastern MA. We are dedicated to the protection and conservation of the unique coastal marine wildlife off New England. We conduct field research on a number of species of marine animals in an effort to advance our understandings of their biology and ecology as well as support conservation efforts on their behalf. Information collected through our

research activities is also used to form the basis of our educational outreach activities within the New England community.

To learn more about NECWA, visit us at:

- our website at [www.necwa.org](http://www.necwa.org)
  - our blog at [www.necwanews.blogspot.com](http://www.necwanews.blogspot.com)
  - and at NEBShark at [www.nebshark.org](http://www.nebshark.org)
- We are also on Facebook so just search for us there!

Contact our Internship Coordinator, Mary Nash at [mcnash@capecod.net](mailto:mcnash@capecod.net), for more information on how to apply.