

US science agency: Selfies with seal pups a no-no

May 26 2017

U.S. officials are warning people not to take selfies with seals, no matter how tempting.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries office says seal pupping season is underway in New England and that means people might see [seal pups](#) on the beach during Memorial Day weekend.

But they say there is no selfie stick long enough to safely get a selfie of a seal pup.

NOAA says people and pets should stay at least 150 feet away from seals. Mother seals often leave their pups alone on the beach for up to 24 hours at a time. If a mother seal sees a human near her pup, she might feel threatened and abandon it.

NOAA also says harassing a marine mammal is illegal.

© 2017 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: US science agency: Selfies with seal pups a no-no (2017, May 26) retrieved 20 March 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2017-05-science-agency-selfies-pups-no-no.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
