



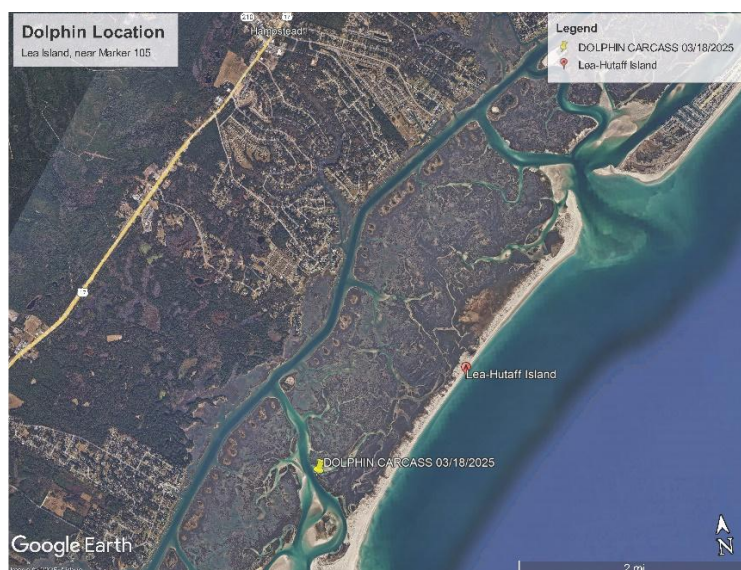
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Decapitated Dolphin - Lea Island



NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement is seeking information in the death of a bottlenose dolphin and help identifying those responsible for decapitating the dolphin on or around April 17, 2025. The stranding of a then-intact dolphin was reported from Lea-Island, NC. When authorities arrived to document the stranding, they discovered the dolphin was missing its head.

A reward of up to **\$20,000** may be paid for any information provided that leads to the successful issuance of a civil penalty or criminal conviction in this case.

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