

Dear Friends and Colleagues of John Reynolds,

It is with great sadness that we are sending this message. John Elliot Reynolds, III passed away on 23 December 2017 after many years battling cancer.

John contributed to the science and conservation of marine mammals in many ways. Among other positions and roles, he chaired the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission from 1991 to 2010 and was President-elect and President of the Society of Marine Mammalogy from 2004 to 2008. He was a Professor of Marine Science at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida from 1980-2001. Since 2001, John was a Senior Scientist and Program Manager at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Florida. He won many awards for teaching, conservation, and science. He also published over 300 books, book chapters, and peer-reviewed and popular articles.

John was a friend, mentor, and collaborator of many. He was always a champion of using knowledge, whether science or traditional knowledge, for informing decisions about the conservation of marine mammals. His strength, passion, and extraordinary optimism are an inspiration to all who knew John. We will miss him greatly.

We plan to set up a scholarship in John's name to support a student in marine policy for the conservation of marine mammals. We'll provide more information about this effort as it becomes available.

Please remember John's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Robert Suydam (North Slope Borough) and Dana Wetzel (Mote Marine Lab)