

Mobile Manatees Sighting Network

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Tagging Event Makes Alabama History!



MMSN entered the history books on September 4, 2009 for conducting the first ever manatee capture and tagging in Alabama. MMSN and collaborators from Sea World Orlando and Sea 2 Shore Alliance successfully captured 3 manatees (including Ellie, an annual visitor from Florida) in Mobile Bay and fitted 2 of the manatees with satellite tracking belts to locate them while they are visiting our waters and to track their migration routes once they leave the Bay. To learn more about our manatee tracking project, please visit our website at <http://manatee.disl.org>.



Meet **"Bama"**, the first manatee tagged in Alabama waters. She's a female who was captured in Mobile Bay on Sept. 4, 2009 and weighed in at over 1,000 pounds. MMSN fitted her with a specially designed tag that will allow her to be tracked continuously by satellite and radio telemetry. Bama stayed in Mobile Bay all summer and started her trip back to Florida on Oct. 31, 2009. Her current location is approximately 9 miles north of Crystal River, FL, which is over 350 miles from Mobile! You can check out Bama's travels yourself. Go to our website at <http://manatee.disl.org/bamatrack> to track her migration from Mobile Bay, AL to Florida. These observations are the first scientific proof that some of Alabama's manatee visitors come from Florida waters near Crystal River.



THANK YOU!! to everyone who reported manatee sightings this year. Our 2009 season was a huge success with over 130 manatee sightings reported by local residents. Your reports have made a great contribution to our research.

We need YOUR help! Time is running out!

We are in urgent need of more manatee license plate pre-commitments. The state requires 1,000 commitments before they will put our tag into production. Our time is running out and we have not yet reached our commitment goal. MMSN will receive more than 80% of your donation. You will get a beautiful license plate and a tax deduction. Please consider purchasing a manatee plate even if only for this first year to help us meet our 1,000 commitment goal and secure a permanent source of funds for the Mobile Manatees Sighting Network. This is a wonderful way to show your support for manatee research and raise conservation awareness in Alabama. The plate makes a great holiday or birthday gift!



Signing up is simple. Fill in the form on the back of this newsletter and return it with your \$50 TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation (make checks payable to DISL). We will do everything else.

Thank you for your support!

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THIS FORM MAY
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Power of Attorney

STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF _____

Date: _____

I hereby appoint Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Mobile Manatees Sighting Network
NAME
 of 101 Bienville Blvd. Dauphin Island, AL Zip 36528
ADDRESS

as my attorney-in-fact to sign my name and do all things necessary for the purpose(s) of: **(Owner shall initial each purpose for which appointment intended)**

- _____ making application for certificate of title;
- _____ making application for replacement certificate of title;
- _____ completing assignment of title to transfer my ownership to the transferee;
- _____ to receive my certificate of title;
- _____ to register and to purchase license plate;
- _____ other purpose, describe: _____

for my motor vehicle described as follows:

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|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| YEAR MODEL | MAKE | MODEL | BODY STYLE |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | LICENSE NUMBER | STATE LICENSED | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | |

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on Date above stated.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

SIGNATURE OF OWNER

PERMANENT ADDRESS

Zip _____

Signature of Appointee: _____
NOT VALID WITHOUT THIS SIGNATURE

If a business firm or corporation is appointed, the signature shall be of an authorized representative of the firm who will perform as attorney-in-fact for the owner.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Any alterations or strikeovers shall void this Power of Attorney. *Original signatures are required on all Power of Attorneys.*

LEGAL NOTICE: A person acting for the motor vehicle owner under this Power of Attorney should be aware of the statute under the *Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act* as follows: **Code of Alabama 1975, §32-8-11.** "Aiding, abetting, etc., in violations. A person who, whether present or absent, aids, abets, induces, procures or causes the commission of an act which if done directly by him, would be a felony or a misdemeanor under provisions of this chapter, is guilty of the same felony or misdemeanor. (Acts 1973, No. 765, p. 1147, §43.)"

Please Initial to Indicate Preference:

_____ If 1,000 commitments are not made, **MMSN may keep \$48.75**(tax deductible) as a charitable donation.

_____ If 1,000 commitments are not made, please **RETURN** my funds. I will forfeit my tax deduction.

\$1.25 is retained by AL DMV.

Checks payable to: Dauphin Island Sea Lab

Mail to: Mobile Manatees Sighting Network

c/o Dr. R. Carmichael

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