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NATIONAL SURVEY

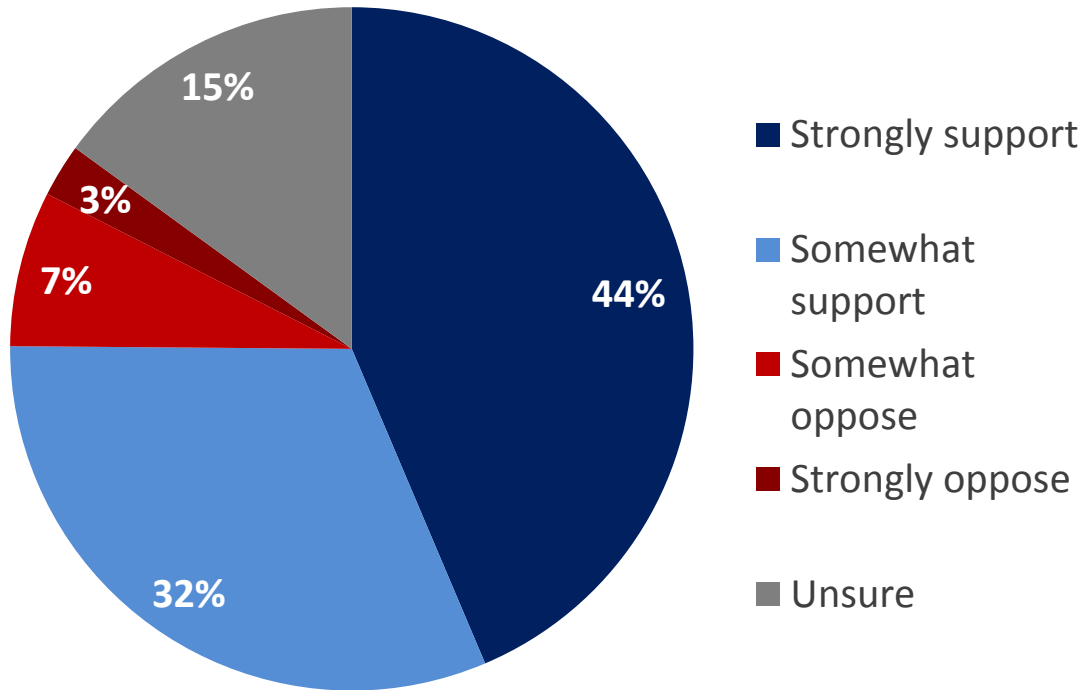
May 2017

METHODOLOGY

1,000 interviews among adults were conducted from May 8-May 15, 2017 by Beekeeper Group & Lincoln Park Strategies and were weighted to ensure proportional results. The Bayesian confidence interval for 1,000 interviews is 3.5, which is roughly equivalent to a margin of error of ± 3.1 at the 95% confidence level.

THREE QUARTERS OF AMERICANS SUPPORT PROTECTING MARINE MAMMALS FROM THREATS

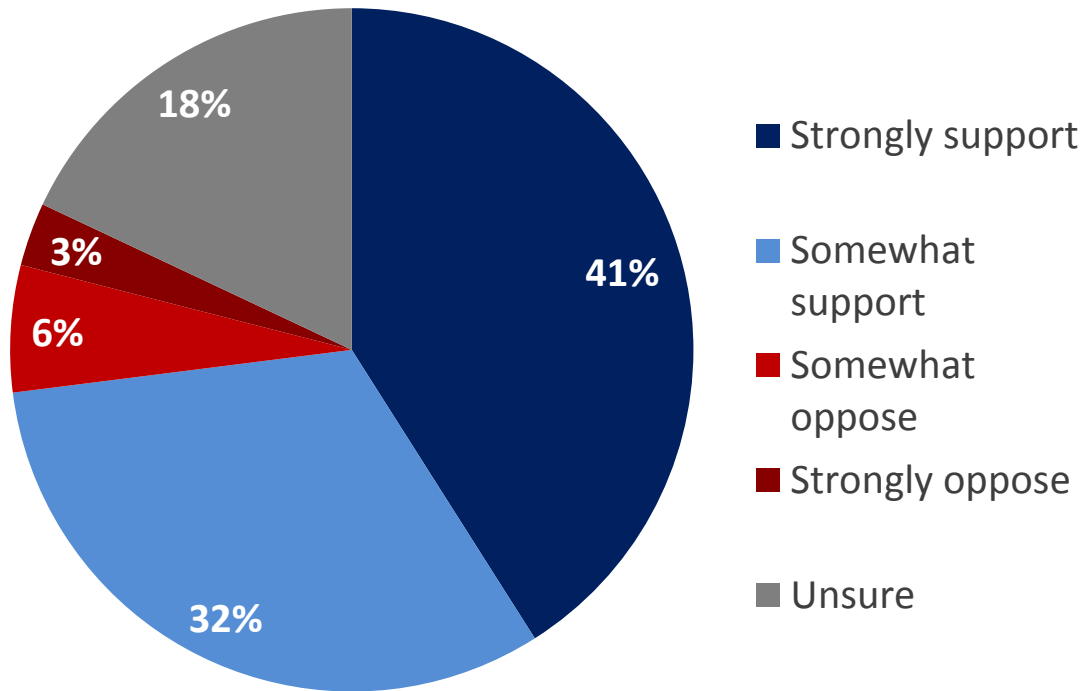
Q9. Switching gears again, marine mammals (such as whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, walruses and manatees) face several threats to their health and survival. These threats include injury and death resulting from commercial fishing gear, offshore oil and gas drilling, increasing levels of noise in the ocean, pollution, ship strikes, and commercial hunting. Do you support or oppose protecting marine mammals from these threats?



	Demo	Total support	Total oppose	Unsure
Gender	Men	75%	10%	15%
	Women	79%	10%	10%
Age	Under 45	71%	9%	19%
	45-64	71%	12%	16%
	65+	75%	9%	16%
Education	Non-college	73%	11%	17%
	College	78%	9%	13%
Party ID	Republican	74%	13%	13%
	Independent	74%	12%	14%
	Democrat	80%	7%	13%

MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

Q10. As you may know, the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) was passed by Congress with bipartisan support, and signed into law in 1972. This law protects all marine mammals (including whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, walrus and manatees) in U.S. waters with the goal of maintaining and restoring their populations at healthy and productive levels. The law prohibits harming or killing marine mammals, with some exceptions. For certain activities such as commercial fishing, scientific research, public display and offshore energy development, permits can be obtained that allow limited harm to marine mammals. Based on what you know about the MMPA, would you say you support or oppose this law?



	Demo	Total support	Total oppose	Unsure
Gender	Men	73%	9%	18%
	Women	81%	7%	12%
Age	Under 45	66%	10%	23%
	45-64	70%	10%	20%
	65+	72%	9%	19%
Education	Non-college	69%	9%	22%
	College	78%	9%	14%
Party ID	Republican	79%	7%	14%
	Independent	66%	13%	21%
	Democrat	75%	9%	16%

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Demo	Percent
Gender	Men	48%
	Women	52%
Age	Under 45	39%
	45-64	44%
	65+	17%
Education	Non-college	51%
	College	48%
Party ID	Republican	35%
	Independent	18%
	Democrat	41%
Ideology	Liberal	32%
	Moderate	38%
	Conservative	23%

	Demo	Percent
Region	West	20%
	East	23%
	Midwest	28%
	South	29%
Race	White	65%
	Black	13%
	Hispanic	14%
Marital Status	Married	61%
	Non-married	38%
Income	< 60 K	57%
	60 K – 120 K	29%
	120 K +	12%