



Read the text and mark the statements

True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

Dolphin Deaths Puzzle US Officials

In 2011 the US officials were alarmed and puzzled by a rise in dolphin deaths along the US Gulf coast in Florida waters. It happened because of cold water temperatures off the southern US state, where normally weather attracts the protected sea creatures during winter months. Some kinds of dolphins live near the coastline and when weather turns cold they often shelter near springs or in warmer discharge canals (сливные каналы) at power plants to avoid "cold stress" which can weaken and eventually kill the mammals.

Now the authorities at the American National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are investigating the huge increase in baby dolphins found dead along the US Gulf Coast, in the first birthing season since the BP oil spill disaster.

Eighty-three bottle-nosed dolphins, more than half of them newborns, were found dead in January and February along the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, where millions of barrels of oil from a leaking undersea well (колодец) poured into the Gulf of Mexico over three months.

"It could be direct or indirect effects of it," NOAA spokeswoman Kim Amendola said. "We have not found the reason of these deaths, but several factors could have contributed to the deaths. They are biotoxins or infectious diseases," she said. "We are following the situation closely," she added.

- A. Recent events along the US Gulf coast shocked the officials.
- B. Many mammals died because of the storms.
- C. The news was on many TV channels.
- D. The similar tragedy happened a year before.
- E. Low sea water temperature was the cause of the deaths.
- F. Dolphins usually avoid warm water in winter time.
- G. Bottle-nosed dolphins live only in the Atlantic Ocean.
- H. Investigations have found out at last the reason of baby dolphins' deaths.
- I. Greenpeace activists took part in the investigations.
- J. The BP disaster did no harm to the ocean fauna.

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J

