

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research July 2015 Newsletter.



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## What's New

Welcome to Pacific Mammal Research! June was a busy month for PacMam, with many exciting opportunities and events.

### *Anacortes Waterfront Festival*

We were fortunate enough to have a booth at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival on June 6th & 7th. Thanks to all who stopped by the "Channel of Discovery" and showed their enthusiasm and support for our project - it was much appreciated!



*PacMam's booth at the recent Anacortes Waterfront Festival.*



*Chalk art by our Research Director!*

### STEM Sampler Workshop

PacMam was also asked to conduct a marine biology workshop as part of a STEM Sampler Workshop conducted with Anacortes Middle School. Students were given a glimpse into life as a Marine Biologist, conducting intertidal surveys, water quality testing and marine mammal surveys. This was a fantastic opportunity to encourage students to get outdoors and learn about the amazing things they can see and experience in this beautiful part of the world!



*Students conducting a marine mammal survey as part of the STEM Sampler Workshop.*

### Necropsy, Friday Harbor

The end of June brought a unique opportunity to assist with the necropsy of a harbor porpoise and a harbor seal pup at Friday Harbor Labs, conducted by the San Juan County Marine Mammal Stranding Network (SJCMMSN), The Whale Museum and the SeaDoc Society under a NMFS permit. Although it is sad to see such animals dead, such cases give us a chance to learn more about these

species which will help us better understand, conserve and protect their wild populations. A sneak-peak is shown below, but for more photos head over to our [Facebook page!](#)



*An example of the spade-shaped teeth of a harbor porpoise.*

## Coming Soon...

Stay tuned for many more exciting things to come with PacMam - our researchers have several "irons in the fire" right now so keep an eye on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) for all the newest info and upcoming events!

In the meantime, enjoy the Summer weather and remember: if you see porpoises or seals let us know! Send your photos or sighting information (date/location/time) to [cindy.elliser@pacmam.org](mailto:cindy.elliser@pacmam.org) and help us add to our research.

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