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Happy Spring! (Maybe?)

Happy March! Here at PacMam we are very excited to welcome in Spring: aside from a couple of "teaser-days" we have been very much at the mercy of winter weather in February, which has limited our field time. However we

have been making good use of this office-time, focusing on data analysis and grant writing for the coming year.

We've also been active out in the community this past month, giving presentations at Skagit Valley College and continuing with our monthly workshops with the Anacortes Schools' life skills class. This type of community outreach and engagement is critical to the continuation of our work, as it's the support and interest of people like you that enables us to keep doing our research and learning about these amazing animals. And if you're interested in other ways that you can help us out (other than checking in with us via these Newsletters and on social media), keep reading - we have some fun new ways to help us out detailed below...!



Seagull in flight

WhalemAPP: Fun New Way To Get Involved With PacMam!

One of our main goals at PacMam is to build a photo-ID database encompassing the whole Salish Sea region...and we need YOUR HELP to do it!

[WhalemAPP](#) is a mobile app that enables you to record and submit sightings of marine mammals, complete with GPS location and any additional relevant information (e.g. number of animals seen, behaviors, etc.). The app can be used

both on mobile devices and/or via a computer, and all information uploaded is freely available to any interested parties. Information uploaded to [WhalemAPP](#) is open-access, therefore can be downloaded and added to our existing dataset to help us understand where animals are frequently seen in the Salish Sea. All you need to do is create an account at www.whalemapp.org then follow the instructions to get started with the app.

Check it out and start contributing your sightings now!

Charity Miles - Getting Active To Support Charities

Are you a runner/biker/hiker? Do you want to get outdoors more this year? Maybe you've committed to running your first (of 50th) 5K? Or maybe you just enjoy going for walks every once in a while? Whether it's walking, running or biking, [Charity Miles](#) is a great way to achieve your goals while supporting charities! The app allows you to track the miles covered during your workout, then donates to over 30 charities for every mile you move.

Download the app to get started and be sure to join PacMam's Charity Miles team, "PacMam With A Porpoise", to help us in our efforts to give back!



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Porpoise and calf speeding through Burrows Pass.

New Perspective: Listen To Cetaceans!

A new infographic was released by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC) showing a variety of cetaceans found in the Gulf of Alaska along with acoustic

clips of their vocalizations. (Make sure to turn your volume up as some of the calls/clicks are fairly quiet!) This is a fun, interactive way to learn more about these species, many of which we also see here in the Salish Sea.

Check out the infographic here: <https://www.afsc.noaa.gov/news/Gulf-of-Alaska-Cetacean-Sounds/index.html>



We often see groups of these marbled murrelets when we're out in the field.

Coming Soon...

Make sure to stay connected with PacMam through [Facebook](#) and give our page a "like" (find us under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), and/or follow us at "PacificMammalResearch" on [Instagram](#) for fun facts, check-ins and photos from the field. We have also just created a PacMam Google+ page, so make sure to connect with us there! And, as always, our [website](#) is there for you to get more details on our work, upcoming events, and how YOU can get involved with PacMam.

We have lots more coming up so stay tuned, we are excited to share all our progress and new ventures with you. Have a great month!

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