

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research September
2016 Newsletter.



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What's New?

Welcome to September, everyone! It's crazy to think how fast the summer has flown by but hopefully you have all been able to make the most of it and enjoy some time relaxing outdoors and in nature.

PacMam has been keeping busy, as always, with lots of time spent out in the field during this summer season. We were fortunate enough to witness some pretty awesome sights while out at Burrows Pass this month too, including a Stellar sea lion, some wake-surfing porpoises, new porpoise calves and baby harbor seals!

Keep reading to find out more about what we've been up to!



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Great action-shot of a Stellar sea lion eating a fish.



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One of the cute baby harbor seals we've seen this month.

Hydrophone Back Up and Running

After experiencing a period of "technical difficulties" we have finally been able to get back out with our hydrophone this month! Essentially an underwater microphone, the hydrophone enables researchers to listen and see (via computer software) noises occurring underwater. We deploy the hydrophone during our observation periods, thus enabling us to collect both visual and acoustic data simultaneously. This unique opportunity to combine different types of data will give us a better idea of background noise levels in our study site, as well as hopefully getting some vocalizations from porpoises and/or seals at the same time.



Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser trying out a new deployment site for the hydrophone.

Anacortes Schools Life Skills Workshops

September begins another school year, and we are preparing to start another round of workshops with the Anacortes schools' life skills classes. As well as conducting active scientific research, PacMam is passionate about fostering and engaging the next generation through educational outreach. Workshops like these provide a great opportunity to encourage young people to take an active interest in their environment, giving them both knowledge and hands-on experiences that allow them to better understand their natural surroundings.

We are excited to continue to build our relationship with the Anacortes schools through holding these workshops, and look forward to another great session!

Presentation at Creekside Continuing Care Community

PacMam is delighted to be giving a presentation about our work and research to the residents of Creekside Continuing Care Community in late September. Having an opportunity to share what we do with members of the local community is not only essential to the continued growth of PacMam, but also to

getting individuals excited and interested in their own environment. Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser will be giving the presentation on September 21st.

Give While You Shop - New AmazonSmile!



Have you checked out the new [AmazonSmile](#) yet? [AmazonSmile](#) is a website operated by Amazon that enables you to shop the same selection of products at the same prices, but the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to your selected charity. To support PacMam through this new site, simply click this link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-2296603>, select "Pacific Mammal Research" as your chosen charity, and that's it - you just shop as normal and 0.5% of your purchase price will automatically be donated. This is a great way to support your favorite charities at no additional cost to you, so make sure to head over there now!

GoFundMe Campaign



Don't forget, our [GoFundMe](#) campaign is still waiting for your support! [GoFundMe](#) is a crowd-sourcing website geared towards raising money via an online portal.

PacMam's [GoFundMe](#) campaign, "PacMam: Research With A Porpoise", aims to extend the reach of our organization and encourage greater active interest and support in our long-term study of the marine mammals of the Salish Sea. Donations made through this [campaign](#) and on the "Donations" page of our [website](#) allow us to continue to research these amazing animals, improve and increase our educational opportunities, and expand our current research in the future to include new and innovative technologies. And, if you donate through [GoFundMe](#),

you can get your hands on some exclusive PacMam goodies! Pacific Mammal Research is a registered 501(c)3 charity, and all donations made are fully tax deductible.

To check out our campaign and donate, please visit www.gofundme.com/pacmam now, or visit our website at www.pacmam.org.

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