

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research December 2015
Newsletter.



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What's New

It's already the end of 2015 - where did the year go?! November saw us keeping busy here at PacMam, and we were able to get back out into the field a little more during some of the nice, crisp days we enjoyed. We also spent some time going through our existing data and preparing for the upcoming Society for Marine Mammalogy biennial conference taking place this month in San Francisco, California. The SMM conference is a highlight of the

calendar for marine mammal researchers and this year is no exception, with an estimated 3,000 people scheduled to attend! Read on for more information on this and some of the other things we have been busy with recently!



Upcoming Society For Marine Mammalogy Conference, 2015

It's almost here: the **21st Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals** takes place December 13th-18th in San Francisco, California. PacMam researchers are thrilled to be giving a talk about our research on harbor porpoise photo-ID, both during the conference itself as well as during one of the pre-conference workshops taking place on the 11th and 12th. These opportunities will be an invaluable opportunity to raise awareness about Pacific Mammal Research and share our findings with our fellow researchers.

This conference provides a unique opportunity for marine mammal researchers from around the world to come together to share and discuss their research and findings during various workshops, talks and poster sessions. For more information about the Society or the upcoming conference, check out their website [here](#).

GoFundMe: New Crowd-Funding Campaign



Our new [GoFundMe](#) campaign is getting some great publicity, with several donations already made towards our goal! If you are not familiar with it, [GoFundMe](#) is a crowd-sourcing website geared towards raising money via an

online portal. The aim of PacMam's campaign is 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, both through this [campaign](#) and via 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.

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to those who have already donated, it makes such a difference to our ability to continue this work so we appreciate it very much! We are thrilled to be able to share our work and vision with the world in this way, so to check out our campaign site and donate, please head over to www.gofundme.com/pacmam. You can also get your hands on some exclusive PacMam goodies just by donating, so go take a look!

More Harbor Porpoises Identified!

More new animals have been added to our harbor porpoise ID catalogue this month: Speedy, JohnnyP and Michaelangelo are just a few of the porpoises that we have been able to identify from our photos taken in the field.

A special thanks goes out to the PacMam supporters who came up with the names of these individuals, we love getting you involved in our research!



Photos of some of the new harbor porpoises added to our ID catalogue (from top left): Michaelangelo, JohnnyP and Speedy. Photos copyright Cindy Elliser, 2015.

Coming Soon...

We would like to take this time to wish you all a very happy holiday season, whatever that is for you, from us here at Pacific Mammal Research. Thank you all for following us

through this first year, your help and support has made much of our continued efforts possible and we very much appreciate it!

Make sure you are up to date with all the happenings by Liking our [Facebook](#) page, and stop by our [website](#) to keep up to date with the latest info and upcoming events from PacMam. We also have a brand new Instagram account - check it out [here](#)!

Don't forget, you can send your photos or sighting information (date/location/time) of harbor porpoises and/or harbor seals to cindy.elliser@pacmam.org. Have a great December and a Happy New Year, everyone - see you in 2016!

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