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What's New

Happy New Year, everyone! Here at Pacific Mammal Research we are ringing in 2016 with lots of exciting plans for the coming year and we can't wait to

share them with you!

We spent much of December preparing for and attending the Society for Mammalogy Conference in San Francisco, which was a great success, as well as getting caught up on data analysis and other tasks here in the office. We also took a little break to enjoy the holidays, and to make sure we took time to appreciate the amazing environment and surroundings we are fortunate enough to live in.

2016 promises to be an even more exciting year for us than 2015, so for more details on things to come: read on!

GoFundMe: Still Time to Make Your 2015 Tax Deductions!



Are you still looking for ways to maximize your 2015 tax deductions? Well, look no further! Pacific Mammal Research is a registered 501(c)3 charity, and all donations made are fully tax deductible. One great way to give is through our [GoFundMe](#) campaign. [GoFundMe](#) is a crowd-sourcing website geared towards raising money via an online portal. PacMam's [campaign](#) 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. You can incorporate any donations given into your year-end gift giving, so make sure to get them in now! And, if you donate through GoFundMe, you can get your hands on some exclusive PacMam goodies - what a great way to ring in the New Year!

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

SMM Biennial Conference, San Francisco: Review

Pacific Mammal Research was thrilled to attend the 21st Society for Marine Mammalogy Conference in San Francisco, CA in December. The Conference had over 2,300 people in attendance from all over the world, with many varied aspects of marine mammal research represented including genetics, acoustics, social structure, behavior and health.



PacMam researchers at the iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

Several workshops were held before the Conference began, providing an opportunity for researchers and interested parties to get together and discuss their work in a more intimate setting. PacMam researchers were fortunate enough to attend one of these workshops for those interested in harbor porpoise research. This was particularly fitting as the group hosting the workshop, [Golden Gate Cetacean Research](#), run a long-term photo-ID project on harbor porpoises from the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, one of the only other groups we know of who are attempting photo-ID of this species. This meant a great opportunity (excuse!) to take a field trip to the Bridge as part of the workshop to witness these amazing animals swimming right below us! Many thanks must go to the researchers of Golden Gate Cetacean Research, we all had a fantastic time and found the workshop incredibly helpful!

The Conference itself was a great success, providing a great environment to learn and discuss past, current and future research occurring in marine mammal science. Our very own Research Director, Dr. Cindy Elliser, gave a talk on our current project conducting photo-ID on harbor porpoises in the Salish Sea, which was very well received and created a lot of enthusiasm and excitement about potential advancements in the study of this little-known species.



Following the stimulating and inspiring environment created at the Conference,

PacMam is very excited to explore some exciting new avenues in our research (e.g. using hydrophones to record harbor porpoises in our study area), and to build and create new collaborations and connections with fellow researchers both locally and abroad. We cannot wait to share this process with you all so stay subscribed to our Newsletter for all the latest on these and more exciting developments to come!

Coming Soon...

We cannot wait to share all the developments and plans we have over the coming months, so make sure you stay subscribed right here to get all the latest news and updates in one place. For up-to-date happenings, photos and links, check in with us by Liking our [Facebook](#) page, following PacificMammalResearch on [Instagram](#) and visiting our [website](#).

From all of us here at Pacific Mammal Research, thank you for your continued support and we wish you a very Happy New Year!



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