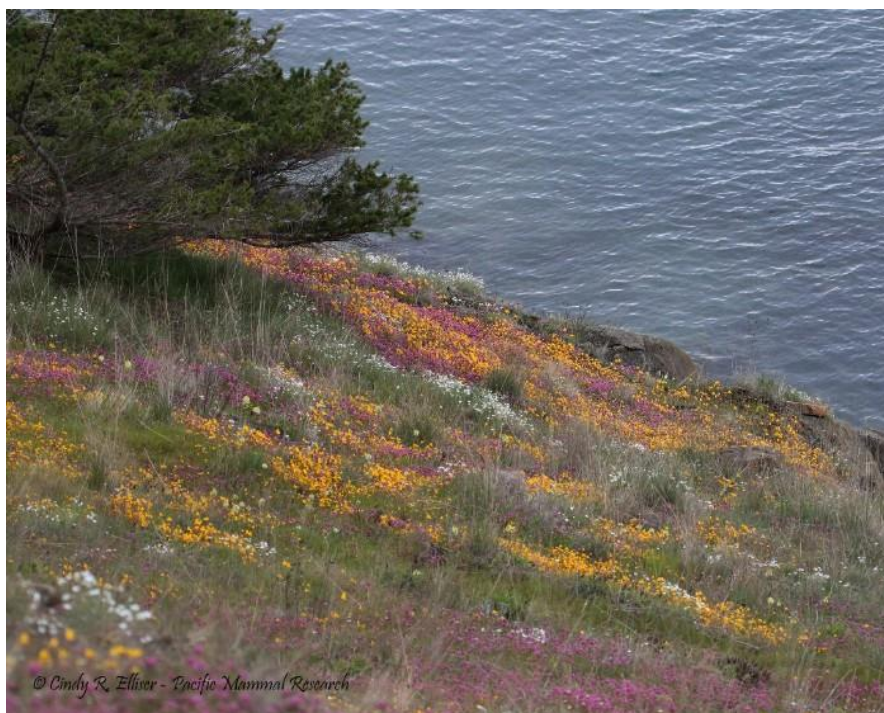


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May Flowers

The sun is out and with Memorial Day just around the corner here in the US, Summer is fast approaching! It seems crazy to think just a few months ago we were staring at snow flying past the office windows, but we'll definitely take this sun as an excuse to get out into the field more.

Our increased field efforts were rewarded with some fantastic encounters last month. We had one beautiful sunny morning in particular when we watched porpoises play, meander and forage in front of us for a full two hours, even following their movements underwater at times. Yup, we love our job!

Well what else has been going on in the last month? Keep reading to find out!



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A great shot of harbor porpoises surfacing during one of our recent field sessions.

HELP US RAISE MONEY! PacMam Donation FUNDrive

Have you started (or maybe finished?) your spring cleaning? Are you ready to spruce up your wardrobe but need to get rid of those old clothes first? We can help!

PacMam is holding a Community Donation Drive in conjunction with Value Village on **Wednesday May 30th**. Simply pack up those unwanted, unused or just too old items and drop them off at the PacMam office (1513 A Ave), or give us a call on (360) 202-2860 to see if we can come pick it up instead. Items can be donated throughout the month (as well as on the actual drive date May 30th), so don't wait - start that cleanout now and help us raise money!

Donated items will be taken to Value Village in Mount Vernon, for a list of all accepted items please click [here](#) for more information. Proceeds of this drive will go towards PacMam and our continued work here serving our community and it's environment.

DONATION DRIVE!
KEEP IT GREEN
WHEN YOU CLEAN

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BRING YOUR ITEMS TO:
1513 A Ave
Anacortes, WA 98221

DATE AND TIME:
9am - 5pm
Wednesday May 30th

Can't make it? Pick-up available, call Cindy 360-202-2860

(Drop-offs before this date acceptable: Leave in driveway)

KEEP YOUR ITEMS OUT OF LANDFILLS WHILE HELPING US RAISE FUNDS

WE EARN FUNDS FOR THESE ITEMS:

- CLOTHING
- SHOES
- BEDDING / TOWELS
- ACCESSORIES
- CDS, DVDS, BOOKS
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- TOYS & GAMES
- KITCHEN ITEMS
- KNICK-KNACKS
- SPORTING GOODS

LESS GAS, MORE GREEN
PRECOLLECT WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND MAKE ONE TRIP TO DROP OFF ALL YOUR ITEMS!

FUNDrive
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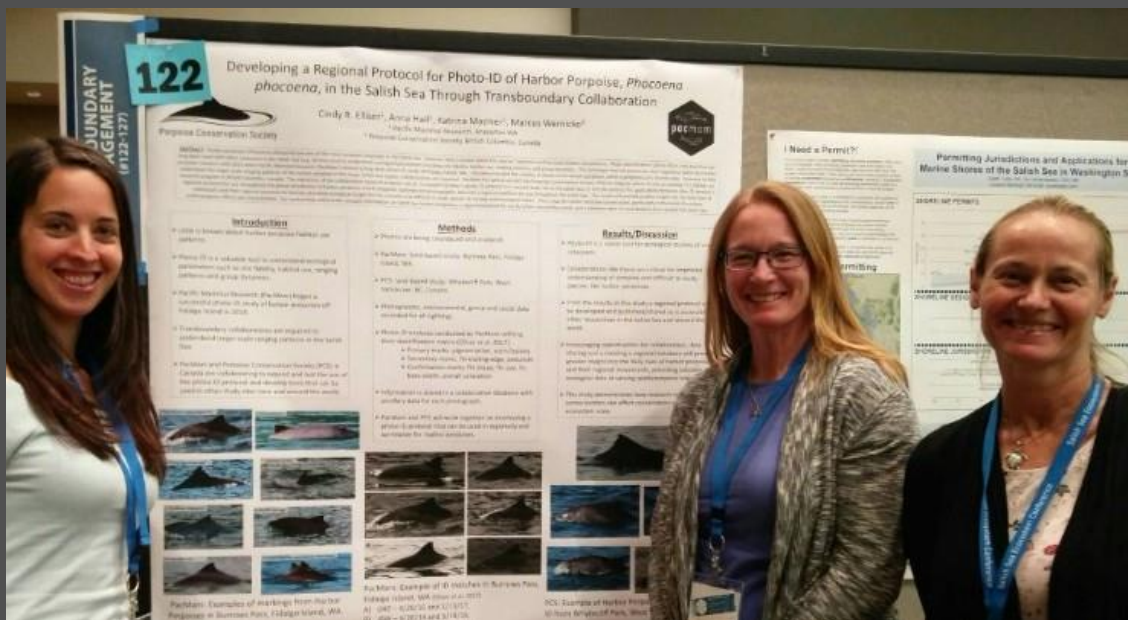
Review: Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference (SSEC), Seattle, 2018

We promised a full review of our time at the SSEC in Seattle, so here you go! We presented a poster about our new trans-boundary research project undertaken in collaboration with the Porpoise Conservation Society (PCS) based in British Columbia, Canada. PacMam and PCS are working together to expand our harbor porpoise photo-ID project, determine whether our protocol can be used at PCS's land-based site in West Vancouver, develop a regional protocol based on findings, and integrate sightings into a regional platform for use throughout the Salish Sea.

We had a great response to our poster, with lots of interested people stopping by to ask questions and/or share their own experiences of observing harbor porpoises in the area. We formed several new working relationships from this

event which will help us to expand our sightings database into new locations in the Salish Sea, as well as gaining useful information about how and where to focus our efforts going forwards. We also had several offers of help from interested volunteers/interns, so we're excited to work more with them this Summer!

There were many excellent talks and presentations given throughout the conference, with an emphasis on plastics in the marine environment, citizen science and the plight of the Southern resident killer whales. It was a very informative conference, one we look forward to as a way to learn more about the rest of the unique Salish Sea ecosystem and broaden our understanding of the environment our study species are living in.



Our team presenting our poster with co-author and colleague Anna Hall (far right) from the Porpoise Conservation Society (PCS).

Support Local Artists: Fat Dragonfly Community Partnership

Have you heard about our collaboration with [Fat Dragonfly Collection](#)? Shanni Welsh is a talented Bellingham-based artist who emphasizes the natural environment in her work through line, color and texture.

We are working with Shanni as a Community Partner and she has dedicated **20% of proceeds** made on sales of her latest "[Pacific Northwest Bay](#)" collection to go towards supporting PacMam! This collection features 4 awesome designs curated in collaboration with PacMam showcasing the Pacific Northwest coastal landscape, with particular focus on species we see in our study area such as harbor porpoises, harbor seals, tufted puffins and rhino auks.

Check out the 4 Pacific Northwest Bay designs below and make sure to look at

Shanni's other work at Fat Dragonfly's [website](#) - there are mugs, wood block prints, trinket boxes and much more on offer!



Coming Soon...



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Harbor seal lounging in front of the rocks below our field site - enjoy the sun this month!

You all know the drill by now: find us on [Facebook](#) (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), or [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam") for our social media posts. We post live updates from the field, interesting articles and factoids from the wider world of science, and updates about our latest events in the area!

We also have a new [YouTube channel](#) for fun educational videos, as well as our [website](#) where you can read the latest [blog post](#) from our Research Director and Founder, Dr. Cindy Elliser. We also have more in-depth information about our work, as well as everything you need to know to [donate](#) to PacMam, learn about our work, and find out what events we have coming up. Check it out!

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