

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research August 2018 Newsletter.



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## Dog Days of Summer...

How is it August already?! Time is flying by this Summer and with all this beautiful weather we've been spending much of it in the field. However, since this is the time of year that we typically see fewer harbor porpoises in Burrows Pass, quite a few of those days have been spent with just the birds

for company! We've also seen fewer seals recently, so we're looking through our past data to see if we can figure out why that may be.

Otherwise it's been business as usual for us, although we do have some very exciting news to share - keep reading to find out more!



*This seagull got lucky and stole a fish from right under a porpoise's nose!*

### *We Have A Boat!*

PacMam is SUPER excited to share with you all that, after 4 years of work, we finally have our own boat! This 13' Boston Whaler was generously donated to us in support of our ongoing work in the Salish Sea, with the intention of helping us to continue and expand the scope of our education and research.

We are lucky to be able to conduct our research from land, but having a boat will allow us to progress to the next stage of our photo-ID project and dedicate more time to figuring out where our harbor porpoises go when they're not in Burrows Pass.

It's thanks to generous donors like this that we can continue to do our work, but we still need YOUR HELP to finish outfitting the boat with safety gear, carry-cases, etc. before we can get out on the water. If you'd like to contribute to helping PacMam get on the water, [click here](#) to donate to our Facebook fundraiser - every little helps!



*PacMam's new boat! Keep an eye out for us on the water in our new Boston Whaler !*

### Outreach In The Community

July saw us continuing our busy speaking schedule, with Dr. Cindy Elliser giving several talks to various groups about PacMam, our research, and the marine mammals of the Salish Sea.

While all audiences are fun we especially love talking to young people - engaging the next generation in their environment and its inhabitants is crucial to ensuring this beautiful region stays healthy in the future, and educating those people today is a privilege for us. A particular highlight last month was Dr. Elliser getting to spend an evening with some amazing young ladies on board the "Orion", the 64' wooden yawl used by our friends at [Deep Green Wilderness](#) use as the platform for their various education programs.

If you're interested in having us talk to your group or organization, give us a call on (360) 202-2860, or email us at [cindy.elliser@pacmam.org](mailto:cindy.elliser@pacmam.org).



*Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser with students aboard the "Orion" for an evening of science (and pizza!).*

## Coming Soon...



*A harbor seal breaks the surface to take a quick breath.*

Keep up with us throughout the Summer via [Facebook](#) (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), and [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam").

Our [website](#) is the place to go to check out upcoming events, learn more about us, read the latest [blog post](#), and [donate](#) to help PacMam be able to continue our work!

We hope you all have a fantastic August; we'll be celebrating some birthdays at PacMam this month as our research team are both August-babies! Have a great month, we'll be back in September!

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