

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research September 2018 Newsletter.



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Autumn Is On Its Way

We hope all our U.S. readers had a great Labor Day weekend - after such a busy Summer it was a much-needed breather for us too! But we're back in the swing of things now and welcoming the early Fall weather that has arrived here in Washington. The crisp mornings and warm, sunny afternoons have been a nice change after the heat (and wildfire smoke!) of August.

We also bid fairwell to our fabulous intern, Ciera, at the end of August who

has been an amazing help this Summer. Providing real-world experience to those interested in a marine mammal science career is invaluable, and we are honored to be able to offer such opportunities to graduates and students (or just those who love the marine environment!). Ciera was a great fit with our PacMam family and we look forward to working more with her in the future. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, interns, citizen scientists and supporters who selflessly give their free time to help us continue our work and learn more about the beautiful Salish Sea!



PacMam researchers Kat and Cindy take a final selfie with our intern, Ciera, after a field session.

Boat Fundraiser: Success!

A MASSIVE thank-you goes out to everyone who donated to our Facebook fundraiser to raise money for getting our new boat on the water. We not only reached our goal of \$1,500, we surpassed it: our final tally was **\$1,671!** Those extra dollars will go towards outfitting and maintaining our new boat and purchasing appropriate gear to ensure we conduct our research safely on the water.

We'd like to take a moment to express our appreciation for all those who have contributed to PacMam over the years. As a small non-profit, finding and maintaining funding is our biggest challenge. It might not seem like much, but literally every penny you give is one more step towards us continuing the work we do in (and for) the Salish Sea. So whether it's a monetary donation, volunteering your time, or just sharing what we do with your friends and family, we truly appreciate the support of our community in every form it takes! If you'd like to support PacMam, please head over to our [Donate page](#) (all donations are tax deductible).

Our boat is now ready for its first test-run, so stay tuned for more updates on

that in next month's Newsletter. If you can't wait till then, watch our progress in real-time by heading over to our [Instagram](#) or [Facebook page](#)!



Thanks to you we can now get PacMam's new boat out on the water!

Upcoming Events:

We're continuing our consistent presence in the community this month, with several upcoming events to look forward to:

- *September 8th:* [Skagit River Salmon Festival](#), Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon (11am - 6pm)
- *September 15th:* [Fidalgo Bay Day](#), Fidalgo Bay RV Resort, Anacortes (11am - 3pm)

Bring the whole family and come enjoy the last weeks of Summer! We'll have fun games, marine mammal artifacts, and lots of information to share about what we do, what we study and how YOU can get involved. For a full list of past and future events, head over to our website's [Events page](#). And if you're interested in having us give a talk/presentation to your students, group or organization, give us a call on (360) 202-2860, or email us at cindy.elliser@pacmam.org. We'd love to hear from you!



Logo for the Skagit River Salmon Festival, just one of the events we're participating in this month.

Coming Soon...



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A family of river otters playing in the water.

Make sure you're following us on social media 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!

As the kids head back to school and days get shorter, enjoy the outdoors as much as possible - maybe we'll see you out there! We'll be back in October with more news.

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