

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research December 2018 Newsletter.



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Happy Holidays!

We made it: the end of 2018 is almost upon us! This has been another great year for PacMam and YOU have played a huge part in that. Our work depends on the support of our community, locally and globally, and we would like to thank you all for continuing to support us throughout this year.

Attending our talks, giving a donation, choosing PacMam as your chosen charity when shopping with AmazonSmile, stopping by our booth at events, or saying hi to our researchers in Burrows Pass - it all adds up and enables us to keep our projects running, collecting important data on our Salish Sea marine life.

Before we close out the year, however, we still have some updates for you from last month, so keep reading to find out more!



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These Bonaparte's gulls like areas with strong currents to stir the water up, making Burrows Pass perfect!

A promotional poster for a trivia fundraiser. The background is a photograph of a whale breaching the ocean surface. Overlaid on the image is the text 'THANK YOU!' in large, red, hand-drawn letters. In the top left corner, there is a green hexagonal logo with the word 'pacmam' and two fish icons. In the top right corner, a white circular badge contains three bullet points: '✓ Family Friendly', '✓ No Cover', and '✓ Support Local Scientists'. At the bottom, the text 'Wednesday November 7th' and '6:00 PM' is displayed in large, bold, teal letters. In the bottom right corner, the logo for 'BASTION Brewing Company' is shown, along with the address: 'ANACORTES, WA', '12529 Christianson Rd.', and 'Anacortes, WA 98221'.

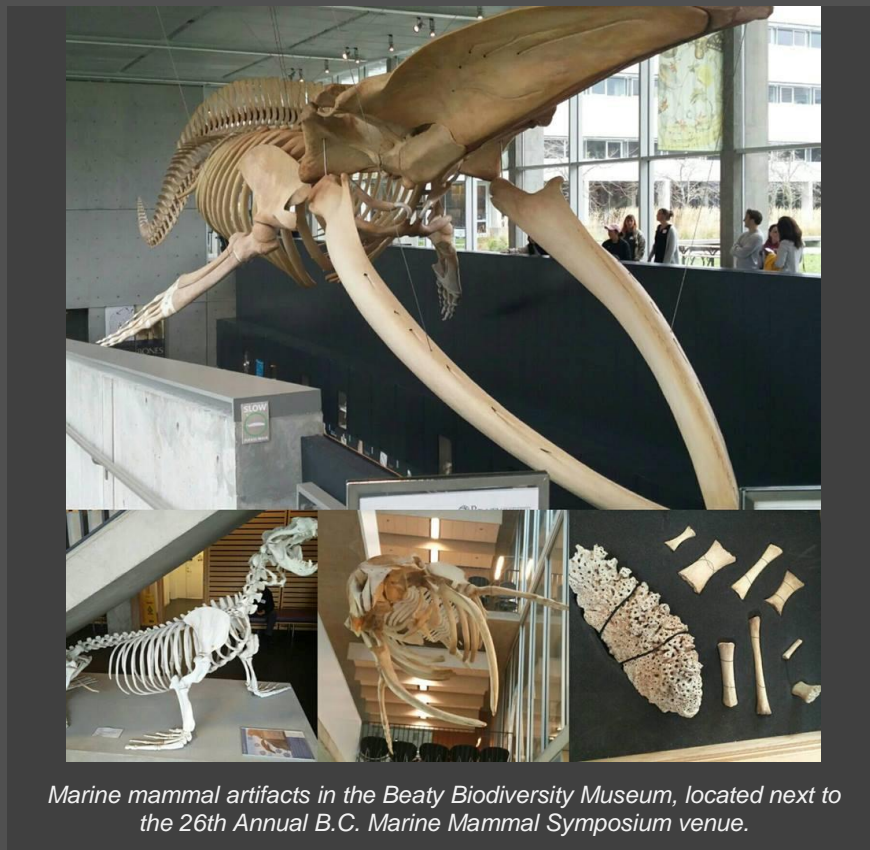
Many thanks to all who attended our 2nd Annual Trivia Fundraiser last month!

REVIEW: PacMam 2nd Annual Trivia Fundraiser

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came out to support us at our [2nd Annual Trivia Night & Fundraiser](#) at [Bastion Brewing Company](#) last month! The event was a great success, raising over \$600 in raffle ticket sales, silent auction bids and generous donations, and packing the house full with attendees.

PacMam would like to thank all the local businesses who donated the amazing prizes we had up for grabs: [Calico Cupboard Anacortes](#), [The Johnson Manor](#), [Pelican Bay Books & Coffeehouse](#), [Fidalgo Artisan Yarn & Clothing](#), [Hellams Vineyard](#), [Starbucks](#), [Fat Dragonfly Collection](#), [Island Adventures Whale Watching](#) and [Deception Pass Tours](#). And, of course, to our fantastic emcee Brian and Bastion Brewing Company for hosting our event once again.

Be on the lookout in 2019 for more PacMam events coming soon!



REVIEW: Marine Mammal Symposium, Vancouver BC

Our Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser attended the 26th Annual B.C. Marine Mammal Symposium last month, giving a short talk about our ongoing collaboration with the Porpoise Conservation Society (PCS) in B.C.

The symposium, held at the University of British Columbia's Aquatic Ecosystem Research Lab in Vancouver, featured a wide variety of speakers and topics and provided anyone interested in the marine mammals of B.C. (and the wider Salish Sea) with a great chance to learn more. The event was streamed live and can be viewed [here](#). And for those of you who can't wait/don't want to view the whole event, here's [Dr. Elliser's talk!](#)



Consider making a donation to your favorite non-profits this winter.

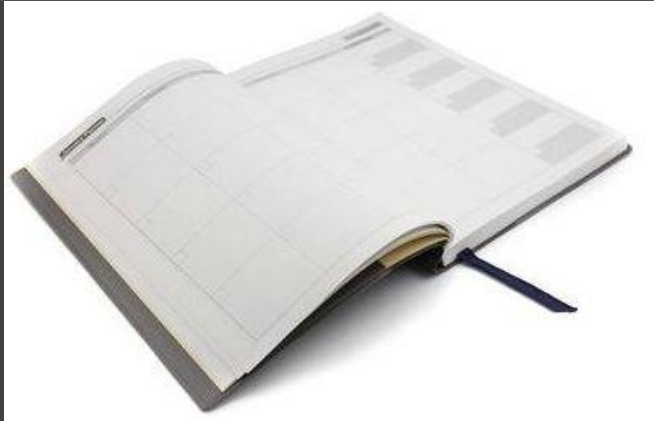
End Of Year Giving

Many people look forward to this time of giving and gifting, and that includes giving to charities and organizations. At PacMam, we have several donation options for you to choose from (and don't forget, your donations to us are tax deductible!):

1) AmazonSmile. We all know the pressure of last-minute gift buying, so if you're one of the millions of people who relies on Amazon for buying all your goodies, you can help! Simply use the URL: smile.amazon.com (instead of just amazon.com), and select Pacific Mammal Research as the charity you would like to donate to. A percentage of your purchases will go towards whatever charity you choose, with no additional cost or fees: win-win!

2) Our Website. If you prefer to keep things simple, just head directly to our PacMam donation page: pacmam.org/wp/donate. You can make a one-off payment or schedule regular donations via PayPal, a safe and secure way to give. We also have some other suggestions for giving to PacMam listed on there - check it out!

3) Send a Check. You can also send your "gift of cheer" to us via check, made out to "Pacific Mammal Research", to: 1513 A Ave, Anacortes, WA, 98221, U.S.A.



Check out our website to see our upcoming events in 2019!

Events for 2019: SAVE THE DATES

In keeping with our busy year, we already have several scheduled talks and workshops planned for 2019 (e.g. giving a talk at the "Ways of Whales Workshop" in Coupeville!). To see what we're doing and where we're speaking, head over to the PacMam "[Events](#)" page on our [website](#) and save those dates - we can't wait to continue sharing our findings and love of the Salish Sea with you all!

Coming Soon...



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Swimming into 2019 - we'll see you there!

It's all about spending time with family and friends this season.. But if you need some time away from the craziness (it's OK, we won't tell!), why not scroll through some beautiful local pictures?

Find PacMam online on [Facebook](#) (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), and [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), and of course our [website](#) which will give you more info on what we do, how to get in touch, and how to donate. See photos from the field, new articles on marine mammals and the environment, and live updates from the field!

From all of us at PacMam, we wish you a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year - we'll see you in 2019!

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