

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research November 2018 Newsletter.



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Happy Autumn

Welcome to November! We were fortunate to enjoy a beautiful October here in Anacortes which allowed us to maximize field time before the poorer weather kicked in. We're still getting out as much as possible though, and will continue to do so throughout the Fall and Winter!

Our researchers enjoyed a fantastic day out at the [Fidalgo Shoreline Academy](#) last month, hosted by Friends of Skagit Beaches. This event was a great way to network with other researchers, educators and non-profit organizations while learning more about species here in the Salish Sea. Many thanks to all involved for putting on such a fun, informative event, we had a great time and can't wait to attend again next year.

And speaking of events, we've got a few of our own coming up! Keep reading for more details!



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This mew gull stayed close to the water in flight - look how close the wingtips are!

A promotional poster for a trivia fundraiser. The background is a photograph of a whale breaching the water. In the top left corner is the PacMam logo, a green hexagon with a white outline of a whale and the text 'pacmam'. In the top right corner is a white circle containing a list of benefits: 'Family Friendly', 'No Cover', and 'Support Local Scientists'. At the bottom left, the text reads 'Wednesday November 7th 6:00 PM'. At the bottom right is the Bastion Brewing Company logo, which includes the text 'BASTION BREWING COMPANY' and 'ANACORTES, WA', along with the address '12529 Christianson Rd. Anacortes, WA 98221'.

Come test your knowledge while supporting our work!

Wednesday 7th November: PacMam 2nd Annual Trivia Fundraiser!

We are thrilled to invite you all to our [2nd Annual Trivia Night & Fundraiser](#) at [Bastion Brewing Company](#)! Join us for a family-friendly evening of fun trivia, great food and amazing craft beer while helping to support your local marine mammal researchers.

We have some awesome raffle and silent auction items up for grabs (generously donated by local businesses), and our researchers will be there to share more about our work and what we do in (and for) the community. This event was a great success last year and we hope this year's will be even better, so make sure **Wednesday November 7th 2018** is on your calendars! The event will begin at 6pm, but we recommend coming early to get seating.

Come ready to test your knowledge and give generously to support a great cause - we need your help through fundraisers like this to keep our organization going, so every penny is appreciated. We'll see you all there!



November is the season of giving, and we could use YOUR help!

November Is The Season Of Giving!

The holidays are drawing near bringing with it the "season of giving", the time of year when many people and businesses make their round of annual charitable donations.

Like many others PacMam has felt the pinch of the current lack of scientific funding this year, making the various donations we receive that much more important in enabling us to continue our work. So for this year's Season of Giving, why not make a tax deductible donation to PacMam?!

There are many ways to donate:

1) **Online via our "Donate" page.** All donations made through our website are via Paypal, and are safe and secure. Head over to the ["Donate" page](#) for more details.

2) **Via Facebook.** You might have seen the "donate" button popping up more frequently on Facebook and our page is no exception - head over to the [PacMam page](#) and donate now!

3) **Send us a check.** If you'd rather use the good old postal service instead, you can send a donation to us at: *Pacific Mammal Research, 1513 A Ave, Anacortes, WA, 98221, U.S.A.*

4) **Ask your employer.** Does your company have an employee donation-matching scheme? Many corporate businesses offer to match charitable donations made by their employees up to a certain dollar amount, so why not ask - you could even be the incentive your employer needs to start doing it if they don't have an existing scheme!

5) **Washington Combined Fund Drive.** You may not have heard of the CFD, but it's a great resource to search for and donate to a whole bunch of different charities in Washington! Head over there, select "Donate", and search for "Pacific Mammal Research". You can make a one-off donation or set up a recurring donation for your chosen amount.

6) **Find us at an event.** We always have a donation jar with us at the events, talks and presentations we go to so if you see us out and about this season, why not throw that spare change into the jar? We really appreciate it!



Join us at the 26th Annual B.C. Marine Mammal Symposium in Vancouver.

Upcoming Event: 26th Annual B.C. Marine Mammal Symposium.

Interested in learning more about the marine mammals of the Salish Sea? Come join us for a day of informative talks at the [26th Annual B.C. Marine Mammal Symposium](#) on Saturday November 24th in Vancouver, B.C. Our Research Director, Dr. Cindy Elliser, will be giving a talk about our collaborative study with the [Porpoise Conservation Society](#), a Vancouver-based organization, initiating our photo-ID protocol for harbor porpoise in their Canadian study site.

The event will run from 9:30am - 5:00pm at the University of British Columbia's Aquatic Ecosystem Research Laboratory in Vancouver, and is open to students, researchers, educators, businesses and anyone else involved with marine mammals. Alternatively, if you can't make it up there but would still like to hear

the talks, the event will be broadcast live on YouTube and Dr. Elliser's talk specifically will be streamed via a live-feed on our Facebook page.

Coming Soon...



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We are excited to be seeing more harlequin ducks in the Pass again as we enter Fall!

As we head into holiday season we know you're all going to be busy, but we all need some decompression time: why not take a moment to look at beautiful photos of your local marine mammals?!

You can find us on social media: [Facebook](#) (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), and [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam").

Make sure you're checking our [website](#) to keep track of upcoming events, read more about our work and in this season of giving, [donate](#) to help PacMam continue our work in the community!

We wish all our American readers a very Happy Thanksgiving, we'll be back in December with more news from the field. See you then!

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