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## What's New?

IT'S SPRING! It's hard to believe that we are entering April yet here we are and Spring has certainly been in the air here in the Skagit Valley. We weathered the storms that moved through in March and now have the tulips out in full bloom and rising temperatures...which has meant some beautiful field days for us!

We have been fortunate to not only see our harbor seals and harbor porpoises, but also several California sealions this past month! There have also been lots of birds out in the study site which are always fun to watch. So what other fun things have we been up to this month? Keep reading to find out!



Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Vancouver BC



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The [Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference](#) is almost upon us. Held mid-April in Vancouver, BC, this three-day conference is organized by Western Washington University and brings together a wide range of individuals (including scientists, First Nations and tribal government representatives, policy makers, educators and students) to present the latest research on the state of the Salish Sea ecosystem, and to help guide future actions to protect and restore it.

The conference, which takes place every 2 years, will include oral and poster presentations, workshops, plenary talks and many opportunities to network and discuss the various issues raised by speakers. PacMam researchers are excited to be presenting a poster about our work on harbor porpoise photo-ID in the Salish Sea, and look forward to hearing from others about the ongoing work and research in this beautiful part of the world.

For more details about the conference, check out their website [here](#).

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#### Fidalgo Shoreline Academy



Pacific Mammal Research's Director Dr. Cindy Elliser will be giving a presentation on our harbor porpoise research at the upcoming Fidalgo Shoreline Academy on 14th May 2016. This one-day event consists of talks and sessions designed to enable community members to learn about the marine environment, including a presentation on Midway Island from keynote speaker and Seattle photographer, Chris Jordan.

The event will take place from 9:00am - 3:30pm at the Fidalgo Bay Resort, Anacortes, and costs \$30 for the full day or \$40 including a box lunch (student discounts available). For more information on the sessions available and how to get your tickets, click [here](#) to check out the event poster on our [website](#). We hope to see you there!

#### GoFundMe Campaign



You've probably already heard about this, but for those of you who've missed it: go check out our awesome [GoFundMe](#) campaign, "PacMam: Research With A Porpoise"! [GoFundMe](#) is a crowd-sourcing website geared towards raising money via an online portal. PacMam's [campaign](#) aims to extend the reach of our organization and encourage greater active interest and support in our long-term study of the marine mammals of the Salish Sea. Pacific Mammal Research is a registered 501(c)3 charity, and all donations made are fully tax deductible.

Donations made through this [campaign](#) and on the Donations page of our [website](#) allow us to continue to research these amazing animals, improve and increase our educational opportunities, and expand our current research in the future to include new and innovative technologies. And, if you donate through [GoFundMe](#), you can get your hands on some exclusive PacMam goodies! To check out our campaign and donate, please visit [www.gofundme.com/pacmam](http://www.gofundme.com/pacmam) now, or visit our website at [www.pacmam.org](http://www.pacmam.org).

## Coming Soon...



Well that's all for this month folks! Make sure you stay subscribed to this Newsletter and browse our [website](#) for all the latest news and updates from PacMam; we have lots of exciting things coming up so you'll want to keep checking in with us.

Also, make sure you check out our social media pages: you can Like our page on [Facebook](#) and/or follow us at "PacificMammalResearch" on [Instagram](#) for real-time check-ins from the field, as well as cool new articles and stories about the marine environment. From all of us here at Pacific Mammal Research, happy Spring (or Autumn for any of you in the Southern Hemisphere)!

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