

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research December 2016 Newsletter.



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What's New?

Happy December! This is a busy time of year; the holidays are in full swing and we are all thinking and planning for the month and coming New Year.

December is a busy month for us here at PacMam too. Although the weather at this time of year can be more changeable we have been making the most of it, using our non-field days to continue our data analysis, administrative tasks and planning for the next few months. We have several exciting projects in the pipeline, so make sure you stay tuned to this [Newsletter](#), our [website](#) and follow us on social media pages via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date with all the latest news and updates

Many of us are focused on giving at this time of year, so please consider giving a donation to PacMam and/or any other charitable organization that you support! Your donations are a huge part of why we can continue our work, and we appreciate every single one of them. Check out the donation options on the "[Donate](#)" page of our website, or scroll to the bottom of this Newsletter where you can learn more about our **AmazonSmile** and **GoFundMe** campaigns - thank you!

Now read on for more details on what we've been up to and some coming events!



Great blue heron in flight.

COMING UP: "Celebrate The Season" STEM Fundraiser
Pacific Mammal Research is excited to be participating in the "Celebrate the Season" STEM Fundraiser once again. Organized by the Anacortes Schools Foundation (ASF), this event raises money for

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) enrichment programs. PacMam was fortunate enough to participate in the STEM workshops in Summer 2015, which offered students an insight into the life of a marine biologist. We are passionate about encouraging the development of such programs for young people and are thrilled to support the ASF in their fundraising to continue providing opportunities for hands-on learning. PacMam is also offering a "Marine Biologist for a Day" prize for the ASF "Dream It" Fundraiser Dinner Auction, which kicks off the weekend on Friday December 2nd.

So if you are in the area and looking for something to do this weekend, please stop along and say hi! The event will be held at the Port of Anacortes on December 3rd & 4th from 12noon - 5pm. There will be cookies and cocoa available, as well as live entertainment and a variety of crafts and gifts for sale. On Sunday 4th there will also be the annual gingerbread house competition - definitely worth checking out! We hope to see some of you there.

Local Artist Joins Researchers

PacMam was fortunate enough to have a wonderful and talented local artist, Eve McCauley-Chomiak, venture out into the field with us last month. Eve is a La Conner-based artist best known for her beautiful paintings of birds, and as such spends a lot of time in nature getting inspiration for her paintings. We would like to thank Eve for joining us, it was a fantastic day out and are excited to continue connecting people with their local environment! For more information on Eve, her art and upcoming exhibits, be sure to check out her website [here](#).



A great shot of our researchers taken by Eve while in the field.

Resighting of Nip!

One of the main aspects of our photo-ID work is to determine how often individual animals use our study area, so resighting a known animal is always exciting for us. Last month we were fortunate enough to see one of the first porpoises we identified, Nip, in Burrows Pass. This animal has been seen at least once per year since PacMam started this project in 2014 and hopefully will be seen for many more!

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"Nip", one of the first porpoises identified in our study area.

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GoFundMe Campaign



Don't forget, our [GoFundMe](#) campaign needs your support! [GoFundMe](#) is a crowd-sourcing website geared towards raising money via an online portal. PacMam's [GoFundMe](#) campaign, "PacMam: Research With A Porpoise", 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. 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! Pacific Mammal Research is a registered 501(c)3 charity, and all donations made are fully tax deductible.

To check out our campaign and donate, please visit www.gofundme.com/pacmam now, or visit our website at www.pacmam.org.

Coming Soon...

We would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season from us here at PacMam. Your support through 2016 has made a huge difference to us, and we thank you all so much for continuing to share and support the amazing work being done in the Salish Sea region - we wouldn't be able to continue ours without your help!

Make sure you stay connected with us in 2017 by subscribing to our monthly Newsletters, as well getting all the latest news on our [website](#). Make sure to check us out on social media via our [Facebook](#) page (Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam), and/or follow us at "PacificMammalResearch" on [Instagram](#) for check-ins and photos from the field as well as articles from the wider world of marine science.

From all of us at PacMam, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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