

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research February
2017 Newsletter.



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**Working in a Winter
Wonderland...**

Welcome to February! We are still in the depths of winter here in Washington (it's currently snowing again!), which means more time to focus on that much-needed office work and data processing. Although it may seem less exciting than fieldwork, this is an integral part of science and is just as important as collecting the data.

We are excited to have a new volunteer helping us out with some of this data processing, which is a huge help to us. PacMam always welcomes new and interested parties, so if you are interested in getting involved in our work check out the "[You Can Help!](#)" section of our website, or send us an email directly.

What else have we been up to recently? Keep reading to find out!



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Lunch, anyone? We frequently see seagulls fishing while we're out at the field site.

Review: □ "Way of Whales" Workshop

Pacific Mammal Research enjoyed a fantastic day at the "Way of Whales" workshop on Whidbey Island, organized by Orca Network. This annual day-long

workshop brings together a wide variety of researchers, education professionals, volunteers and interested members of the public to learn about the Pacific Northwest's whales.

Talks were varied and informative, with plenty of networking time allowed to build new and re-establish existing connections which created a sense of unity among the event's attendees. In spite of the world's current political climate we came away feeling excited about the coming year, and the responsibility we have as scientists to continue to share our research and knowledge with the world. Thanks once again to the event organizers, Orca Network, and all who assist in making this a great event every year!



Porpoise and calf surfacing in Burrows Pass.

WhalemAPP: Exciting New Way To Get Involved With PacMam!

One of our main goals here at PacMam is to build a photo-ID database encompassing the whole Salish Sea region, and one way to increase the scope of our data collection is to have YOU help us out!

WhalemAPP is a mobile app that enables you to record and submit sightings of marine mammals, complete with GPS location and any additional relevant information (e.g. number of animals seen, behaviors, etc.). The app can be used both on mobile devices and/or via a computer, and all information uploaded is freely available to any interested parties. Information uploaded to WhalemAPP is open-access, therefore can be downloaded and added to our existing dataset to help us understand where animals are frequently seen in the Salish Sea. All you need to do is create an account at www.whalemapp.org then

follow the instructions to get started with the app. Check it out and start contributing your sightings now!

Charity Miles - Achieve Your New Year's Resolutions While Supporting Charities

Are you a runner/biker/hiker? Did you set a New Year's Resolution to get outdoors more this year? To run a 5K? Or maybe you just enjoy going for walks every once in a while? Whether it's walking, running or biking, [Charity Miles](#) is a great way to achieve your goals while supporting charities! The app allows you to track the miles covered during your workout then donates to over 30 charities for every mile you move.

Be sure to join PacMam's Charity Miles team, "PacMam With A Porpoise", and help us in our efforts to give back!



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Porpoise swimming in Burrows Pass.

Coming Soon...

Make sure to stay connected with PacMam through [Facebook](#) and give our page a "like" (find us under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), and/or follow us at "PacificMammalResearch" on [Instagram](#) for fun facts, check-ins and photos from the field. And, of course, make sure to go check out our [website](#) to get more details on our work, upcoming events, and how YOU can get involved with PacMam.

We have lots more coming up so stay tuned, we are excited to share all our progress and new ventures with you. Have a great month!

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