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What's New?

We hope all our North American readers enjoyed the holiday here this last week! With Canada Day and Independence Day there were lots of parties and events happening so hopefully you all got the chance to enjoy being out in nature a little during that time.

It's been another beautiful month here in the Pacific Northwest, and at Pacific Mammal Research we've been

making the most of the summer weather by spending lots of time out in the field in addition to attending some great events and festivals. This included a workshop hosted by the [Washington Nonprofit Institute](#) with a focus on how to create, maintain and improve an effective Board of Directors for non-profit organizations. This workshop provided some excellent advice, resources and opportunities for discussion with other non-profit groups, as well as generating ideas for the growth and expansion of PacMam into the future. For more details on the other exciting things we've been up to in June, read on!



Anacortes Waterfront Festival 2016

PacMam was delighted to have a booth at the annual [Anacortes Waterfront Festival](#) for the second year in a row. It was a beautiful weekend and many people took the opportunity to be out and about enjoying the fine weather and festivities. We had lots of interest in our newly-acquired artifacts, including the skull and lower jaw of a harbor seal and a harbor porpoise skull, which seemed to generate some great learning opportunities for young and old alike!



Snapshot of PacMam's booth at this year's Waterfront Festival.

There were some great non-profit organizations in attendance in the "Channel of Discovery" education corner, so a big thank you to the Festival organizers for creating this space and to all who took the time to stop by and check out the fantastic organizations working in the area! We can't wait till next year!

Lifeskills Class Wrap-Up

Education is a big part of PacMam's mission, and one way that we have been continuing this aspect is through monthly workshops with the Anacortes Middle and High Schools' Life Skills classes. Our Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser has given the class presentations about various aspects of marine science, from plankton and ocean currents to marine mammals and climate change. With summer break approaching this year's class wrapped up in June, however before she left Dr. Elliser was presented with a beautiful banner, flowers and a cake as a thank you! We look forward to continuing these workshops and presentations with in the new academic year.



A lovely thank you from a great class!

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GoFundMe Campaign



Haven't checked out our [GoFundMe](#) campaign yet?! Do it now! [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...



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Have a fantastic start to summer (/winter!!)

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