

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research July 2017 Newsletter.



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## Welcome to July!

Summer (or Winter, depending on your hemisphere!) is finally here and we've definitely seen the shift in weather here in Washington. This is a busy time of year for many of us, with various events and festivals to attend and lots of opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy nature. Don't forget, if you're out and about and spot harbor porpoises or harbor seals send us your sighting information - you can help to inform our research by giving us a better idea of where these species are congregating! Shoot us an email ([cindy.elliser@pacmam.org](mailto:cindy.elliser@pacmam.org)) or log your sightings using [WhalemAPP](#), a mobile app that allows you to record and submit sightings of marine mammals.

We've been keeping busy here at PacMam too - read on for more details on some of the things we've been up to over the last month!



*We see some pretty cool things in the field, but watching this harbor seal struggling to eat an octopus was amazing!*

### Anacortes Waterfront Festival

Thanks to everyone who stopped by to say hello to PacMam's researchers at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival this year, it was a great weekend! We met some really enthusiastic people and loved sharing our knowledge of marine life in the Salish Sea alongside many other great organizations in the "Channel of Discovery".

This type of event is critical, not only to provide hands-on education to the public but also to ensure our work can continue through your support. Thanks again to all those who came out, we look forward to seeing you again next year!



*PacMam's booth at the 2017 Waterfront Festival.*

### *Sharing Our Work - Community Presentations*

Most of you are aware by now that sharing our knowledge and excitement for the marine environment is a huge part of PacMam's mission. We were fortunate this month to be able to give presentations to the community which were both well attended and well received. One highlight was the presentation given by Dr. Cindy Elliser hosted by the Deception Pass Park Foundation, held in the glorious outdoor setting of Deception Pass State Park.

PacMam will also be participating in the STEM Camp hosted by the Anacortes Middle School in August, where students will spend 5 days learning about marine biology with our researchers through hands-on activities and presentations. Generating enthusiasm and stewardship for the environment is a great way to encourage its continued protection, and we hope to be able to continue doing many more of these activities in the future!



*Dr. Cindy Ellis presenting our work at Deception Pass State Park.*

### *Society for Marine Mammalogy Conference - Halifax 2017*

PacMam is excited to once again be attending the 22nd biennial Society for Marine Mammalogy (SMM) conference, this year to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. A new video presentation format has been instituted this year so we will be testing our movie-making skills to create a short video about our research here in Anacortes! Stay tuned for more details on our progress, and as always check in with us on social media for all our latest activities!

## Coming Soon...



*Sunset over Rosario Strait.*

Make sure to check in with us at our [Facebook](#) page this Summer to stay up to date with all the latest from the field and the wider world of marine science - find us under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam". We're also all over [Instagram](#) (find us under "PacificMammalResearch") sharing cool shots from the field, and on [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), so make sure you get connected! And, as always, our [website](#) is there for you to read more about what we do, upcoming events, and how YOU can get involved with PacMam.

From all of us here at PacMam have a great Summer, we can't wait to hear what you've been up to and we'll be back next month to share our news!

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