

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research December 2017 Newsletter.



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Happy Holidays

Yup, it's that time of year again! As is common at this time we've been reflecting on all that 2017 has brought, and would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your help and support this year. We could not do this work without your continued efforts on our behalf, whether you live in our area or in a different country, so thank you from all of us here at PacMam for all YOU do in helping us to continue our efforts in research and education. This year has seen a huge amount of growth for us in the local community and we are incredibly thankful and excited about that - let's keep it going into 2018!

PacMam's employees will be taking some much-needed time off over the holiday season to enjoy time with friends and family, but until then it will be business as usual with fieldwork (so long as the weather allows...) and end-of-year paperwork as we plan and prep for next year. Stay tuned to the newsletter, our Facebook page and our website for details of these plans as we head into 2018.

But first things first: here's how the last month looked for us here at PacMam!



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PacMam's Trivia Fundraiser = A Great Success

A huge thank you goes out to all who attended our first fundraising event last month at [Bastion Brewing Company](#) in Anacortes. Our Trivia Fundraiser had a great turnout and was a huge success raising over \$500 in donations! Participants were quizzed about various "marine-themed" topics ranging from specific questions about PacMam and our work, to which beer company references a shark in it's name. Competition was high with many knowledgeable trivia-goers in the audience, which made for a fun and exciting evening. We hope this will be the first of many fundraising events for PacMam in

the future, so keep an eye out for more news about these in 2018.

We'd like to thank our friends at [Bastion](#) for hosting such a fun event and for their continued support of PacMam and our work in the community - you guys rock! If you enjoyed our fundraiser and want to test your brain some more, why not check out Bastion's weekly trivia nights on Wednesdays, starting at 6pm? It's family-friendly so bring the whole crew, grab a drink, and get your thinking-caps on!



Some of the prizes up for grabs and a view of the crowd that gathered to support PacMam at our first Trivia Fundraiser.

Save The Date: "Celebrate The Season" Event & Dinner Auction

The Anacortes Schools Foundation is once again hosting their annual "Celebrate The Season" fundraising event and dinner auction. "Celebrate The Season", held at the Port of Anacortes on **December 2nd & 3rd**, offers a variety of family-friendly holiday activities and entertainment including live music, gingerbread house making and crafts for sale, with proceeds going towards enrichment programs for Anacortes students.

The highlight of this two-day event is the dinner auction, held on Saturday December 2nd, to which PacMam has donated a "marine biologist for a day" experience, giving the winner the opportunity to shadow our researchers for a day. We have been very successful with these "experiences" in the past, and hope to raise lots of funds to support the great work done by the Anacortes Schools Foundation in our community!

For more information on the "Celebrate The Season", how to purchase dinner tickets and the Anacortes Schools Foundation itself, check out their website [here](#).



Our First Scientific Paper!

We are thrilled to announce that our first scientific paper, entitled "[Group characteristics, site fidelity, and photo-identification of harbor porpoises in Burrows Pass, Fidalgo Island, Washington](#)", has now been published in the journal Marine Mammal Science! This acclaimed peer-reviewed journal provides an outlet through which we can share our findings from the last 3 years of work with the scientific community as well as the general public, helping to increase our knowledge of harbor porpoises in the wild and specifically the population using Burrows Pass.

To access the article head over to [Wiley Online Library here](#) or, if you cannot access the paper via Wiley, you can email us directly at katrina.maeiver@pacmam.org or cindy.elliser@pacmam.org to request a copy. We hope this will be the first of many such papers, so watch this space!

Coming Soon...



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We know you'll be busy over the holiday season, but if you get some downtime why not check up on what we're doing via our [Facebook](#) page (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), or on [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam")? We'll be posting lots of cool pictures from the field as well as interesting articles and stories, so check it out! You can also head over to our [website](#) for more detailed information on how to donate, what we do, and lists of past and future events.

Once again, we'd like to thank each of you for giving us such a fantastic 2017. From all of us at PacMam we wish you a very happy holiday season - see you in 2018!

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