

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research January 2018 Newsletter.



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018, we hope you all had a fantastic start to the new year! Here at PacMam, we enjoyed a much-needed vacation to ring in what promises to be another active and exciting year. But we're back at it again now and are setting up for the month. We've got several events lined up for January (more details on these below), as well as many other exciting things we're working on to continue the momentum of 2017.

If you haven't checked it out yet, make sure to download our [paper on harbor porpoises in the Salish Sea](#) - for those of you who don't have access to the full article, please email us for a PDF copy (katrina.maciver@pacmam.org or cindy.elliser@pacmam.org). This publication was recently featured in the [Encyclopedia for Puget Sound](#) and we hope it will continue to provide useful

information for those interested in the health of the Salish Sea and its inhabitants.

So what else is going on this month? Let's take a look!

Making a mark: Photo-ID of harbor porpoises in the Salish Sea

The harbor porpoise is one of the most abundant species in the Salish Sea, yet little is understood about their population. Pacific Mammal Research is dedicated to understanding more about their population by conducting photo-ID surveys and the use of passive acoustic technology. Come learn about harbor porpoises, why they are important and the research that PacMam is conducting to understand more about this poorly understood marine mammal and put the spotlight back on them.



January 18th @ 4:00 - Johnny Picasso's

Join PacMam for a presentation on our harbor porpoise research

Anacortes Science Cafe with PacMam

We're jumping straight into things this year with our first event of 2018. We will be presenting as part of the Anacortes Science Cafe series, held at Johnny Picasso's in Anacortes, on January 18th at 4pm. This monthly series, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, is a chance to attend casual talks and discussions with local scientists and socialize with like-minded individuals.

PacMam's talk will focus on our harbor porpoise work, providing information about our ongoing research in the area and why it's important. In addition, Robb Nichols will also be present to answer questions about hydrophones (underwater microphones) made by Aquarian Audio Products right here on Fidalgo Island.

For more information about the Anacortes Science Cafe and details of PacMam's talk, head over to the Anacortes Science Cafe [Facebook page](#). We hope to see you there!



Don't miss the annual "Ways of Whales" workshop in Coupeville, Whidbey Island

"Ways of Whales" Workshop

We will once again be attending the annual "Ways of Whales" workshop in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, hosted by [Orca Network](http://www.orcanetwork.org) on January 20th. This day-long workshop features presentations and updates from top cetacean researchers and advocates as well as various environmental education displays, providing a great way to learn and network with other interested individuals.

This workshop cost is \$35 (\$25 for students/seniors) and is open to all, with an optional hot lunch available for additional purchase of \$10. For more information on the event and how to purchase tickets, head over to the [event page](#). This is always a fun day and is open to everyone so we hope to see many of you there!



We will be presenting at "Storming the Sound" this month in La Conner

Presentation at "Storming the Sound", La Conner

["Storming the Sound"](#) is an annual conference for environmental educators in the north Puget Sound region in which teachers, environmental organizations and students gather to share ideas and expertise. We were thrilled to have been asked to present at the event this year as education is a huge part of PacMam's mission, particularly when used as a tool to help empower individuals to become better environmental stewards by sharing what they know with others.

The conference takes place on Thursday January 25th in La Conner, so if you are

interested in attending or learning more about this great event, make sure to visit their [website](#) for more details.

Coming Soon...



Looks like it's going to be a busy year, so make you check in with us via our [Facebook](#) page (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), and on [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"). We regularly post cool photos from the field as well as interesting articles, facts and stories from the world of science!

NEW: We've joined the blogging world (finally!) - here you'll find more in-depth posts about our ongoing work, upcoming events, or discussions about the wider world of marine mammal science. Check out the latest Blog posts [here!](#)

And, as always, our [website](#) has all the information on how to [donate](#) to PacMam, what we do, and up to date lists of past and future events. Enjoy your start to the year, we'll see you next month!

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