

Welcome to the Pacific Mammal Research February 2018 Newsletter.



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Do What You Love

Phew, what a start to the new year! January was super busy for us at PacMam, but in the best possible way - we got the opportunity to share our knowledge with others through presentations while learning more ourselves! As things settle into a more consistent groove, we are keeping that momentum going with lots of projects and collaborations in the works that we will be rolling out further into 2018. Make sure to check the "[Events](#)" page on our website for all the latest details about upcoming talks, presentations and festivals.

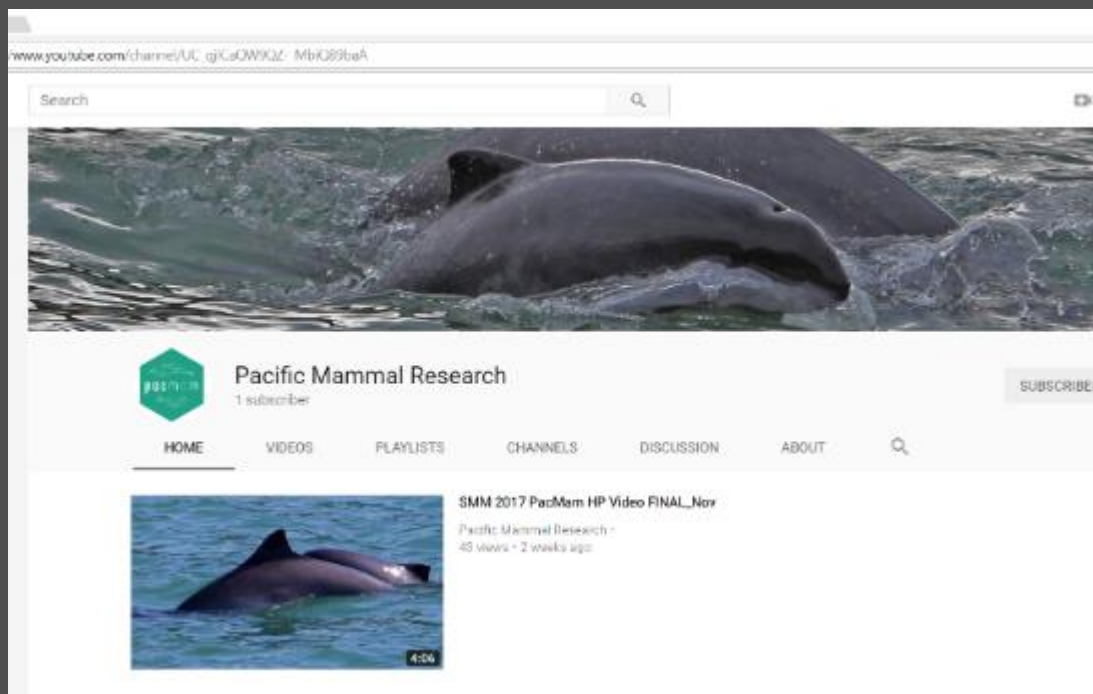
Although it was busy, January was also a great reminder that we are incredibly fortunate to do something we love every day. Being the "month of love", what is it YOU love to do? Your Job? Hiking? Walking your dog? Painting? Reading? Whatever it is we hope you get to enjoy more of it this month - and don't forget to send your favorite charities a li'l love too by donating (check out our [donation options here](#))!

Alright on with the show, let's run down what January looked like for us.

Find PacMam On YouTube!

Yup, we've joined the masses and now have a fun new YouTube channel to share with you all! You can find a short video summarizing the findings of our 2017 paper on harbor porpoises in Burrows Pass, WA on there right now, but stay tuned for more videos coming soon. We will be trying various formats, everything from day-in-the-life vlogs to educational videos to discussion of wider marine issues, so if there's something you'd like to see us do let us know!

Send your video ideas to katrina.maciver@pacmam.org or hit up our Facebook or Instagram pages and share, we'd love to hear your thoughts.



Join PacMam on YouTube to watch this presentation on our harbor porpoise research

January Workshop Review: Ways of Whales & Storming the Sound

We were fortunate to participate in two fantastic workshops last month: "Ways of Whales" in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, and "Storming the Sound" in La Conner.

This was our fourth year attending "Ways of Whales" and, as always, it was a great day out! We heard some excellent lectures ranging from a father-daughter cycling team's story of their ride across the US to raise money for [Orca Network](#), to the residency patterns of Washington salmonids, as well as amazing information about blue whales and local orca populations!

This event is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our local whales and the many factors that affect them, as well as a great chance to bring researchers, educators, interested individuals and young people together. Thank you to Orca Network for another great day - you can watch a full video archive of the day [here](#).



Just one of the fascinating presentations at the 2018 "Ways of Whales" workshop.

We also presented at "[Storming the Sound](#)" for the first time, an annual conference for environmental educators in the north Puget Sound region which enables teachers, environmental organizations and students to share their ideas and expertise. Education is a huge part of our mission here at PacMam, so we were thrilled to have been asked to present at this year's event. We had a wonderful day learning from a varied group of educators, students, and researchers, and made a lot of new connections which will help to facilitate further expansion of our education work.

Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers, and participants who put so much time and effort into this conference, it was a great day and we'll definitely be back next year!



Dr. Cindy Elliser shares the sounds some of our Salish Sea cetaceans make with participants at "Storming the Sound" 2018 conference.

Coming Soon...

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Don't forget, you can also read more in-depth posts on our **new blog**! Learn more about our work, upcoming events, or discussions about the wider world of marine mammal science. Check out the latest 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. We hope you all have a fantastic month filled with lots of love - see you in March!

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