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It's Summer!

Well just like that it's June, and Summer has definitely arrived here in Washington! We've been enjoying lots of sun during our field time recently, as well as some great sightings of harbor porpoises, seals, sea lions, river otters (like the one featured in the photo above) and birds.

We've also been fortunate to work with some talented volunteers over the last month who have been invaluable in helping us with our observations and getting caught up on data entry, so a big thank-you to them and to all our volunteers for your continued help and support!

Well what else has been going on in the last month? Keep reading to find out!



Harbor porpoise coming up for air on a beautiful clear day in Burrows Pass.

Upcoming Event: Anacortes Waterfront Festival

It's that time of year again - yup, the annual [Anacortes Waterfront Festival](#) kicks off this weekend! As usual, PacMam will have a table in the "Channel of Discovery" education area, located next to the main Cap Sante Marina building. We'll be there to answer your marine mammal questions, play some fun interactive games, and even have some cool marine mammal artifacts to share with you!

Stop by our booth and say hi, we'll be there **Saturday June 2nd from 10am-6pm**, and **Sunday June 3rd from 10am-5pm**. See you there!



PacMam's booth at the 2017 Anacortes Waterfront Festival.

PacMam Donation FUNDrive

We'd like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who donated items to our first Community Donation FUNDrive in May - we had a great response and managed to fill a 20ft U-haul to the brim plus an additional carload! We ended up with over 4,000 lbs of goods resulting in about \$350 being paid back to PacMam.

As a small non-profit organization, finding funding to continue our work is critical and also one of our biggest challenges, so we are always looking for new ways to raise money. Look out for more fundraising events in the future!

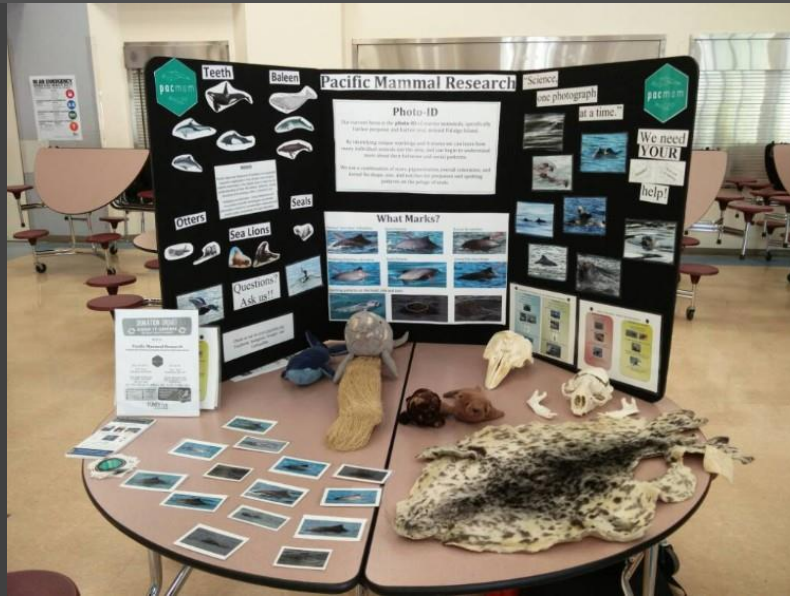


Packing and delivering items for our Community FUNDrive in May - we had over 4,000lbs of goods!

Education Galore!

We have been super busy with our education work during the last few months, often giving 1-2 talks per week at various schools and organizations in the area. Continuing our education in the local community is so important to ensuring knowledge is passed to the next generation (as well as the current one!), and helps to engage people in a more meaningful way with their surroundings. In addition to giving talks at several libraries, elementary schools and participating in a hands-on STEM evening, Research Director Dr. Cindy Elliser was even able to join Glenwood Elementary students on their whale watching trip after giving a talk at their school in Snohomish. Along with several harbor porpoises and seals, they were even fortunate enough to encounter some breaching humpback whales!

We are looking forward to a Summer filled with more workshops, talks and presentations, so if you'd like us to give a talk to your school/organization, get in touch! You can call us on (360) 202-2860 or email us at cindy.elliser@pacmam.org - we'd love to hear from you!



Setting up our table at the Early Learning STEM event (check out our cool new artifacts!).



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This humpback whale breaching was one of the highlights during a whale watch trip with students from Glenwood Elementary school!

Coming Soon...



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One of the resident bald eagles flies over us in Burrows Pass.

Now that we're into the Summer season we'll be pretty busy, so make sure to stay connected with all the latest via [Facebook](#) (search for "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam"), [Instagram](#) (under "PacificMammalResearch"), and [Google+](#) (under "Pacific Mammal Research - PacMam").

You can also stop by our [website](#) where you can check for upcoming events, read the latest [blog post](#) from Research Director/Founder, Dr. Cindy Elliser, or [donate](#) to help support PacMam and our continued work.

Have a great start to your Summer, we'll see you in July!

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