

Welcome to The Summit Lodge

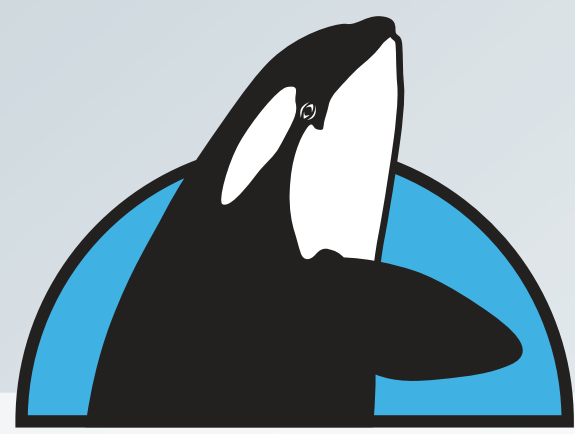
Can you spot any of these marine mammals?

Look down. 885 meters below you in the headwaters of Howe Sound, look for a sudden fin, or plume of white water, and report any marine mammals that you find (see below to find out how).

Reporting your whale, dolphin and porpoise sightings to the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network help

researchers understand when and where they spend time, and this information can help protect them.

Howe Sound has only recently rebounded from many years of industrial activities and pollution. What can you do to help keep Howe Sound healthy?



the whale trail

Follow The Whale Trail to watch whales and other marine mammals from shore. From Victoria to Prince Rupert, what will you discover?



Humpback Whale

(*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

LENGTH 11-15 m/37-50 ft
DORSAL FIN Small, nubby fin with broad base
APPEARANCE Black body, bumps or knobs on head, long pectoral fins with white underside
BEHAVIOUR Medium-sized, bushy blow; usually surfaces 2-5 times between deep dives; often raises tail flukes on final dive
STATUS Threatened



Grey Whale

(*Eschrichtius robustus*)

LENGTH 12-14 m/39-46 ft
DORSAL FIN No dorsal fin
APPEARANCE Mottled grey colour; covered with barnacles; 9-13 knuckle-like bumps on back; bowed, elongated head
BEHAVIOUR May travel and feed close to shore, travels in groups of 1-3 animals
STATUS Special Concern



Killer Whale

(*Orcinus orca*)

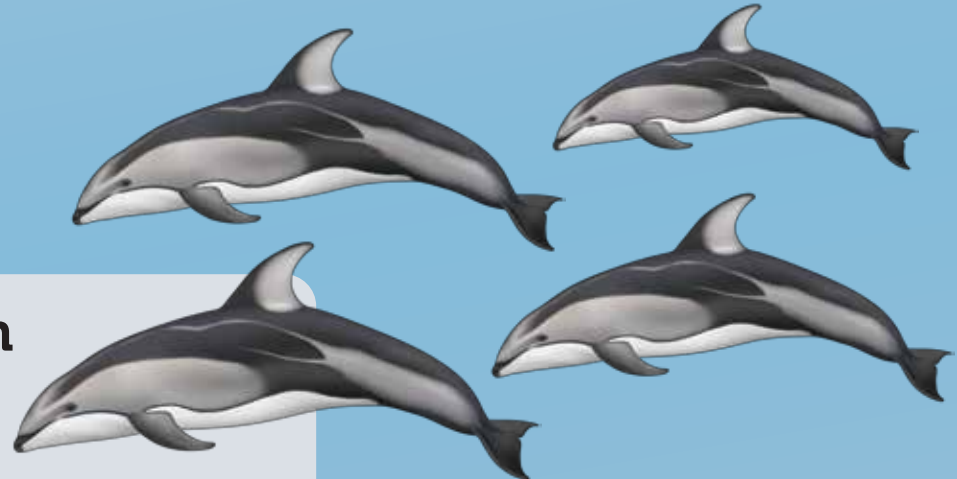
LENGTH 6-9 m/18-28 ft
DORSAL FIN Black; triangular in females and calves; tall, distinctive in adult males
APPEARANCE Black body with white underside, grey saddle patch behind dorsal fin, white eye patch
BEHAVIOUR Usually in groups of 3-25, bushy blows visible in cold weather
STATUS Southern residents Endangered; northern residents, Bigg's (transients) and offshores Threatened



Pacific White-Sided Dolphin

(*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*)

LENGTH Up to 2.5 m/8 ft
DORSAL FIN Sharply curved, bi-coloured
APPEARANCE Dark back, white underside, grey side streaks
BEHAVIOUR Only small, local cetacean that leaps completely clear of the water, usually in groups of 50 or more
STATUS Not at Risk



Harbour Porpoise

(*Phocoena phocoena*)

LENGTH Less than 2 m/6.5 ft
DORSAL FIN Dark, triangular
APPEARANCE Dark-grey back with lighter underside
BEHAVIOUR Inconspicuous; travels slowly, generally alone or in small groups of 2-3
STATUS Species of Special Concern



Steller Sea Lion

(*Eumetopias jubatus*)

LENGTH 2-3 m/6-9 ft
APPEARANCE Light tan to blond, darker on belly, large front flippers, small ear flaps visible on the head, mature males much larger than females with a clearly defined forehead and thick neck and mane
BEHAVIOUR Spends time on land and in water, often seen in large groups on rocky haulouts
STATUS Species of Special Concern



Human

1.8 m/6 ft
For scale reference



Be a Citizen Scientist - Report your Sightings!

Many populations of marine mammals and sea turtles are at risk in B.C. Report your sightings of whales, dolphins, porpoises and sea turtles to help us better understand the distribution and abundance of these species. **Report your sightings to:**



wild whales
b.c. cetacean sightings network

www.wildwhales.org
[1.866.I.SAW.ONE](tel:18664772663)
sightings@vanaqua.org



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