

June is Orca Awareness Month

Who are these whales?
Why should we care?



Governor Inslee has officially proclaimed June 2013 as Orca Awareness Month

The Southern Resident orcas (J, K, and L pods) were listed as Endangered in November 2005 under the Endangered Species Act, yet we have only begun to learn about these whales' intelligence and social systems.

Major factors in the decline of their population include dwindling salmon runs, captures for marine theme parks in the 1960s and 70s, toxic pollution, loss of habitat, military training exercises, and increasing vessel traffic and noise levels in the Salish Sea and throughout their critical habitat.

During the month of June, Orca Network and other organizations, businesses and individuals will join together to educate the public and focus attention on the plight of the fragile Southern Resident orcas, to honor their presence in our waters, take action to improve conditions for their survival, and hasten efforts to recover their population.

Contact Orca Network to learn how you can participate in Orca Month!

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