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### **They don't call them killers for nothing**

As top predators, transient killer whales feed on other marine mammals such as gray whale calves, seals, sea lions and porpoises. Watch incredible National Geographic footage as a transient pod of killer whales attack a male sea lion. The force that the transients use to subdue the sea lion is incredible. Also included is footage of a gray whale attack.

**Full story and video:**

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/11/061106-killer-video.html>

<http://www.nbc4.tv/news/9045575/detail.html>

### **Toxic transient killer whales in Monterey Bay**

Each year a pod of transient killer whales arrives in Monterey Bay, but they continue to arrive later and later and sicker and sicker on each return. Researchers are finding alarming levels of PCBs in these animals. What does this mean for the ecology of the world's oceans?

**Full story and video:**

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2006/11/061107- Orcas-video.html>

### **A federal court win for Puget Sound killer whales**

A lawsuit filled by building and farm groups challenging the endangered status given to southern resident killer whales earlier this year has been dismissed.

**Full Story:**

[http://www.planetsave.com/ps\\_mambo/The\\_News/Current\\_News/Judge\\_throws\\_out\\_lawsuit\\_challenging\\_protected\\_status\\_for\\_Puget\\_Sound\\_killer\\_whale\\_population\\_200612218250/](http://www.planetsave.com/ps_mambo/The_News/Current_News/Judge_throws_out_lawsuit_challenging_protected_status_for_Puget_Sound_killer_whale_population_200612218250/)

<http://www.komotv.com/news/local/4975676.html>

[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/1110AP\\_Endangered\\_Orcas.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/1110AP_Endangered_Orcas.html)

*Thank you to everyone for all of your support over the past year.*

*From everyone here at the Killer Whale Adoption Program we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.*

*See you in the New Year.*