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### **Wayward Whales**

As six transient killer whales continue to make their home in the Hood Cannel, the harbor seal population is expected to decrease by as much as half. This group of transients is continuing its record-breaking stay, now having spent four months in a single body of water.

Full story:

<http://www.theolympian.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050528/NEWS/505280303>

### **Luna Update**

Is Luna in danger? It has been suggested that a “wave of noise” from the fish finding sonar of boats is causing Luna to behave in a manner not typical for him.

Full story:

<http://www.animaladvocates.com/cgi-bin/newsroom.pl/noframes/read/9250>

<http://www.vanaqua.org/pressclippings/3102256.pdf>

### **Pollution Concerns**

The southern resident killer whale population continues to be vulnerable to toxins in the water. Now listed as one of the United States troubled waters, the Puget Sound water quality issues may lead to quality issues in BC waters.

Full story:

[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-05-10-puget-sound\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-05-10-puget-sound_x.htm)

<http://www.vanaqua.org/pressclippings/310279.pdf>

### **Naval Sonar Concerns**

With the continuation of sonar testing are killer whales and other cetaceans at risk?

Full story:

[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/03/0331\\_040331\\_whalesincrisis.html](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/03/0331_040331_whalesincrisis.html)

### **Strange Behaviour**

Some of the southern residents have been behaving oddly over the last few weeks. Southern residents are fish eat killer whales, compared to mammal eating transient killer whale, yet recently their behaviour has researchers wondering. Three separate occurrences have been observed where several J-pod members have chased down, and in the last event killer a harbour porpoises.

Full story:

<http://www.whale-museum.org/museum/press/latest/Js-harborporpoisekill.html>

[http://www.cascadiaresearch.org/robin/J-pod\\_attacks\\_on\\_harbor\\_porpoises.htm](http://www.cascadiaresearch.org/robin/J-pod_attacks_on_harbor_porpoises.htm)