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## **Farewell to Luna**

Residents along the BC coast awoke the morning of March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to a winter wonderland. Seeking shelter from the high winds, snow, and rough seas a tugboat entered Nootka Sound and accidentally collided with the young orphaned killer whale. Although it doesn't ease the pain of the loss, it appears that death came quickly for Luna.

**Full Story:**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/03/11/ap/tech/mainD8G9LH501.shtml>

<http://www.canada.com/globaltv/national/story.html?id=b9fa423c-1ef3-4619-bcdd-168abfb8249d>

[http://www.newsday.com/news/science/wire/sns-ap-lonely-luna\\_0,4905200.story?coll=sns-ap-science-headlines](http://www.newsday.com/news/science/wire/sns-ap-lonely-luna_0,4905200.story?coll=sns-ap-science-headlines)

## **Southern Resident Population Update**

U.S.A lists the Southern Resident killer whales as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

**Full Story:**

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Marine-Mammals/Whales-Dolphins-Porpoise/Killer-Whales/ESA-Act-Status/Listing-Final.cfm>

[http://pugetsound.org/index/protecting\\_orcas](http://pugetsound.org/index/protecting_orcas)

[http://outside.away.com/outside/news/20051116\\_1.html](http://outside.away.com/outside/news/20051116_1.html)

## **A Whale of a Time in New Zealand**

Killer whales kept boaters entertained off the coast of New Zealand.

**Full Story:**

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/0,2106,3479947a11aT,00.html>

## **Resident Feeding Behaviour**

Sharing does make the world go round. Biologist Dr. John Ford and Graeme Ellis have discovered that resident killer whales often share the fish that they catch. While being able to consume a large salmon with not much more than a gulp it is interesting that researchers have discovered that resident killer whales often break up and share even small salmon.

**Full Story:**

<http://aolcanada.workopolis.com/servlet/Content/fasttrack/20051031/BCHUME31?section=Science>