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Southern Resident Population Update

After years of legal issues, debate and research the United States has listed the Southern Resident Killer Whale population as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This is a significant announcement for the Pacific Northwest as many environmental and fishing factors will now have to be monitored in order to abide by the endangered listing.

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://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

Interesting new research is showing that resident killer whales not only hunt and feed together, but they in fact share their catch. It has been recently observed that after catching a salmon, large or small, resident killer whales will share it with other family members.

Full story:

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