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Oh Where Oh Where Have the Whales Gone

Over the last several weeks we have all been stunned by the number of killer whales off the BC coast that have been reported missing. As researchers scramble to find out more about what has happened the count continues to rise. It appears that the latest missing whale is a calf belonging to one of the missing females. For more information on this ongoing story visit the links below.

Full Story:

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2006/10/20/bc-killer-whales.html>

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2006/10/23/bc-whale.html>

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/s/23102006/3/canada-missing-killer-whale-s-calf-feared-dead.html>

<http://www.canada.com/nationalpost/news/story.html?id=592c5b29-c05f-4c9a-9c13-2c29780facbb>

Icelandic Killer Whale Feeding

Icelandic and Norwegian killer whales are found to use many techniques and tactics to get their dinner. Learn more on the battle between killer whales and herring.

Full Story:

http://www.underwatertimes.com/news.php?article_id=10781206495

http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2006/06/20/whaleslap_ani.html?category=animals

Killer Whales Sing for Scottish Researchers

Speech patterns normally vary from person to person, is this also true for killer whales? Researchers look at how individualized a killer whale's call is.

Full Story:

<http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=1154082006>

How do Killer Whales Settle Disputes

Every now and then your brother, mother, or father get on your nerves but eventually you kiss and make up. How do killer whales settle disputes? This is what one researcher set out to determine by observing several whales in captivity.

Full Story:

http://www.livescience.com/animalworld/060823_whale_hugs.html

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,210119,00.html>

Could Killer Whales Shifting Their Prey Have an Effect on the Ecosystem

Could fewer large whales for transient killer whales to feed on cause them to change their prey and if so how would it impact the ecosystem? Researchers investigate the residual impacts of the whaling industry and try to understand if the catastrophic decline in seal, sea lions, and otters may stem from killer whales being forced to change their prey.

Full Story:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/story?id=97519&page=1>