

June 20 - 22, 2008 Wildlife Report

The weekend started out taking some photographs of newborn Barn Swallows and a House Finch on a nest with four eggs. Early Saturday morning there was a deer that was walking down the road.





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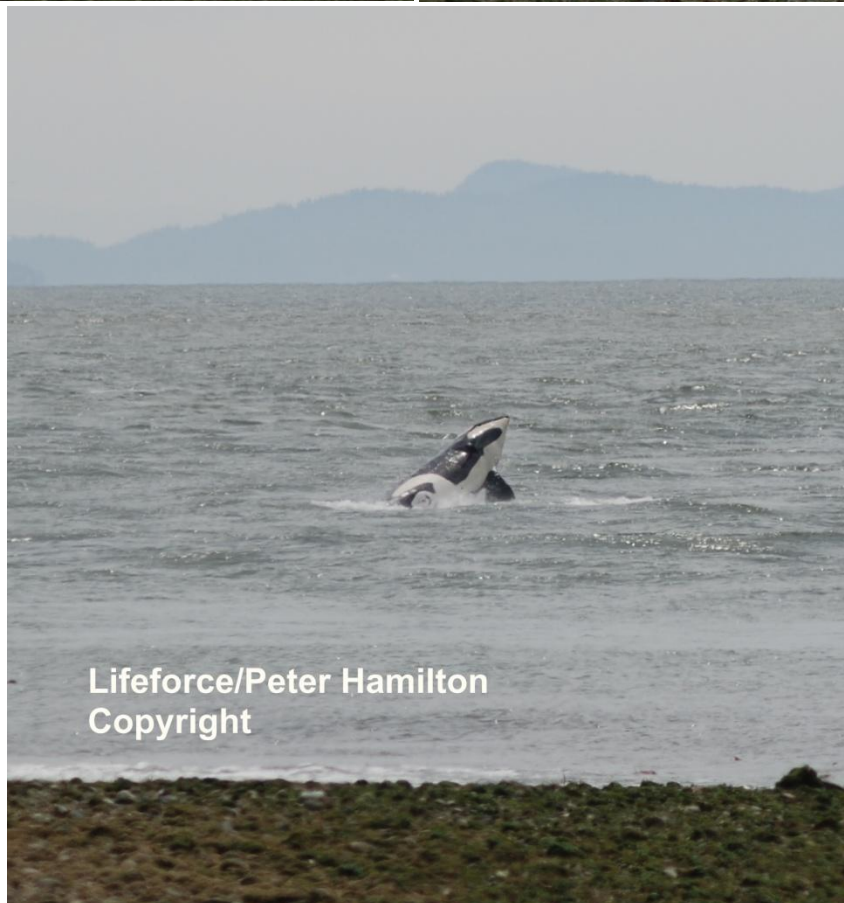


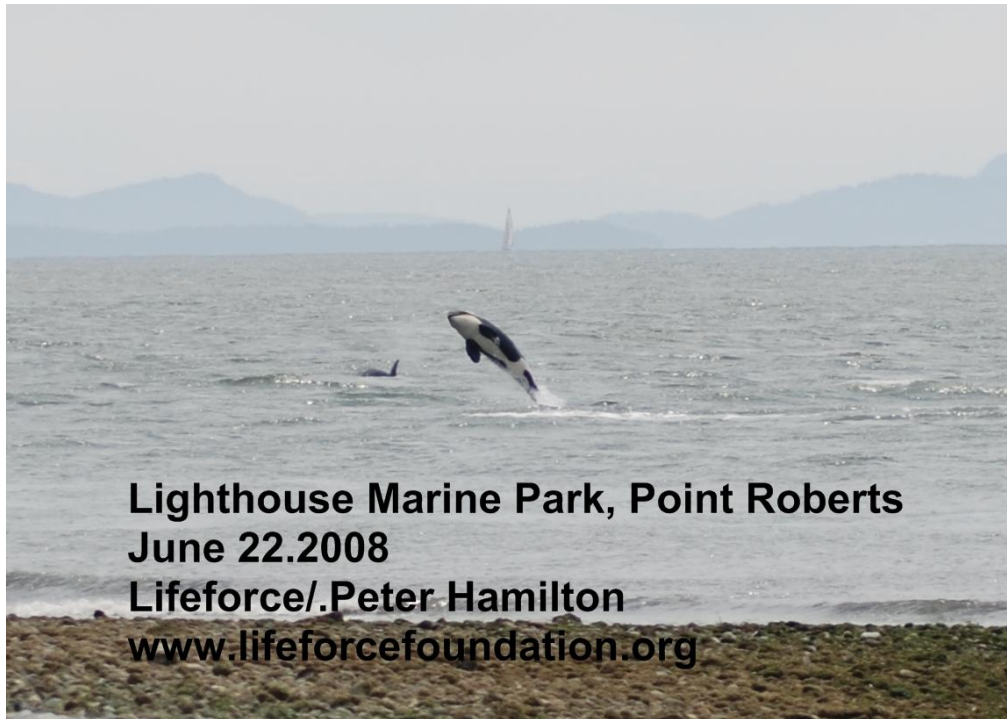
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June 22, 2008 was one of the best orca days with J, K and L pods passing Lighthouse Marine Park in Point Roberts. I had hoped that the orcas would be in this area because a school of large salmon passed earlier heading north towards the orcas. The first group starting passing at 1115 and the second group were following about one hour later. The second group was the most active. In fact, these orcas were the most active when close to shore that I have seen in many years. Multiple breaches, head views (aka “spy hop” but they don’t hop and are not FBI

spies), tail fluke slaps and other social behaviours. The land based adventure lasted two hours and park visitors left with special memories.







As the weather started to settle down Lifeforce went out to monitor boat traffic. The US Soundwatch boat monitoring was present and we discussed the ongoing problems with whale watch companies violating guidelines and legislation.

The wind and waves were building making conditions very nasty so that ended our brief monitoring session.

Sunday Night: After washing the salt water of the boat and fixing the antenna that was broken by the big waves I went over to the park. A guy and a girl had caught a mud shark and left it on the dock. I told them that if they have a fishing license they must release it or kill it immediately to stop the suffering. They returned the shark to the water. We will advise authorities that they only had a Canadian License not the required US license.



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