

May 12 Wildlife Report

On May 12th Lifeforce received a report to our Whale and Dolphin Hotline (604-649-5258) that approx. 20 orcas were in Georgia Strait heading south off the Fraser River, BC. We confirmed that it was J pod when they passed Lighthouse Marine Park, Point Roberts, WA at dusk.

Js spent nearly 3 peaceful days in BC waters. On Sunday and Monday they were not located by the whale watching fleet. Off the park they were moving fast and did two great breaches. A group of eleven Harbour seals grouped together and stayed close to shore. Perhaps these were young ones and not aware that the residents posed no threat to them. I have seen other seals who do not swim to shore and just watch the Southern Community pass by. But perhaps they just wanted to make room for the speeding orcas. The orcas slowed down later and were found near the bottom of Rosario Strait on May 13th.

For Freedom,

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