

About Orca Month

Since 2007, June has been proclaimed Orca Awareness Month by the Governor of Washington to focus attention on the plight of the fragile Southern Resident community of orcas, honor their presence in our waters, and speed up efforts to recover the population. In 2016, Orca Month became a regional event as Oregon and British Columbia joined with celebrations with official proclamations, and this year the name was changed to Orca Action Month, to recognize the need for community engagement and effort to protect orcas, salmon, and our shared habitat. The theme for this year is Hungry for Change to protect orcas and their habitat.

Started by long-time conservation group Orca Network, Orca Action Month was created to bring together researchers, advocates, and orca lovers everywhere to raise the awareness of the threats facing these magnificent animals and provide a community to celebrate the orcas of the Salish Sea and west coast.

Mission

Our Orca Month mission is to challenge others to think about salmon recovery as the foundation of nutrition for species and ecosystems of the Northwest, including our beloved fish-eating Southern Resident orcas. It has been over 10 years since the Southern Residents were listed under the Endangered Species Act, along with many of the Chinook runs within their range, and the future of both still hangs by a thread.

Coordinated by Orca Network and the Orca Salmon Alliance with partners in Oregon and British Columbia, we host events across the Salish Sea and beyond to increase awareness about the threats to the Southern Residents and their primary food source, Chinook salmon. The Alliance is raising awareness about their plight every June, with calls for action that will make a difference for these iconic Northwest species.

Orca ACTION Month

Our Partners:



Photos from previous years

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Who We Are

Orca Salmon Alliance is comprised of seventeen international, national, regional, and local non-profit organizations and community action groups. We work to highlight the connection between two iconic endangered species that need our help: Southern Resident orcas and Chinook salmon.

Our goal is to prevent the extinction of the Southern Resident orcas by recovering the wild Chinook populations upon which the whales depend for their survival.

A primary objective of the Alliance is to educate the public about the threats facing the Southern Resident orcas and to act to eliminate those threats. Orca Action Month has given us a fun and engaging platform to educate the people of Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia on the plight of these majestic whales swimming in their coastal waters and sharing their home.

Links

Orca Month Website

<https://orcamonth.wordpress.com/>

Orca Month FB Page

<https://www.facebook.com/OrcaMonth/>

Kick Off Event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2394579223906174/>