



# Conservation Planning for Puget Sound Killer Whales

On May 29, 2003, we published a notice in the *Federal Register* designating the Eastern North Pacific Southern Resident stock of killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The notice also announced preparation of a Conservation Plan to restore the stock to its optimal sustainable population.

[Conservation Planning Updates](#) last updated Oct. 3, 2005

Oct. 3, 2005: We announced availability for public review of the Proposed Conservation Plan for Southern Resident Killer Whales, and request review and comment on it.

Comments must be received by Jan. 3, 2006.

[Proposed Conservation Plan](#) (PDF file 1MB)

[News Release](#) (PDF file 86KB)

[Federal Register Notice](#)

Conservation Planning [Qs & As](#) (PDF file 90KB)

## Developing a Conservation Plan

[Conservation Plan Qs & As](#) (PDF file 13kb) - Answers to questions about Conservation Plans, opportunities for public input, and how NOAA's Research and Management teams are working together.

May 31, 2003: [Introductory Meeting](#)

[Workplan](#)

Workshops

Oct. 24, 2003: [Contaminants](#)

Mar. 22, 2004: [Vessel Effects](#)

Apr. 19, 2004: [Prey](#)

June 5, 2004: [Conservation Plan Status Update Meeting](#)

[Preliminary Draft Conservation Plan \(March 14, 2005\)](#)

[Northwest Fisheries Science Center Marine Mammal Program](#) - The Center's program conducts critical research on Southern Resident killer whales. View its newsletter for information on killer whale population trends, research activities, and how you can help.

[Killer Whale-Watching Guidelines](#) - "Be Whale-Wise" (PDF file 339kb)

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