

## Boats Harassing Orcas



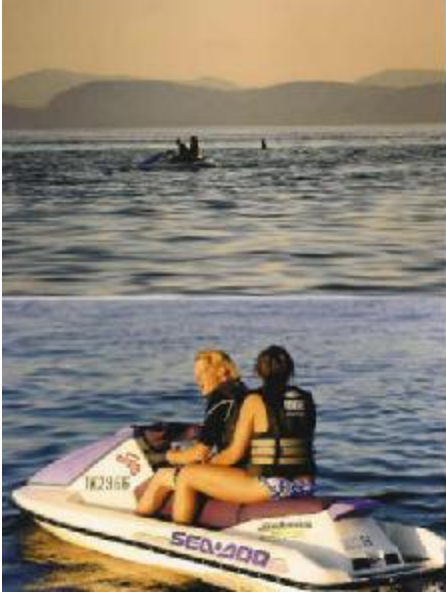
Whale Watch companies repeatedly block the pathway of orcas. This causes stress and interrupts their lifestyles. The loud engines noises make it harder for them to communicate. Stress affects the immune system and makes them more susceptible to health problems.



The operator of this Whale Watch boat is a Board Member of an association of whale watchers. He is driving over orcas, operating in the middle of a group of orcas and blocking their pathway.



Pleasure boaters are often unaware of Whale Watch Guidelines or they copy Whale Watch Companies that are not following the rules.



We stopped this Jet Ski operator who was driving above orcas and circling them. Lifeforce reported him to the Canadian Coast Guard.



Now that we helped get orcas designated as an endangered species there has been an increase of funding to protect them. However, researchers are getting a lot of this money and this has created a problem with research boat traffic.

The boat above is constantly on top of the orcas to collect fish prey samples to prove what orcas eat. But we know that “resident” orcas eat fish and we must have moratoriums on fishing to rebuild fish stocks.

Other experiments involve shooting skin biopsy darts into the orcas. The orcas react with fear – their dorsal fins have been seen shaking.

We must not study them to death.

Lifeforce is urging US and Canadian to implement Whale Watching Regulations. There must be NO Whale Watch areas so the orcas are not pursued continuously every day (peak of season is May to October).

We are also opposing experiments that contribute to the boat traffic problem and harassment.

Please download our Orca Field Guide off our web site  
[www.lifeforcefoundation.org](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org) for photos of orcas in the wild.