Wildlife Report July 28

Transient Orcas

A group of seven transients were travelling in Washington waters from Rosario Strait to Point Roberts on July 28th. The waters were beautifully calm. Transients will eat other marine mammals unlike Residents who will eat only fish. Transients’ diets include fish, porpoises and seals. They have even been seen attacking Gray whales and Minke whales. These are the “sea wolves”.


Male T020 born approximately in 1963.

For approximately 30 minutes the transients stayed in the area of a cluster of approximately 10 whale watch boats and a few pleasure craft. It is thought that these clever hunters of the sea may use boats as part of their herding strategy or may find seals and fish hiding by the boats.
One Lifeforce photo shows a harbour seal on the rostrum of the orca on the left.

One of these orcas has a “puncture” wound just behind the saddle patch.

The Ts foraging and socializing.
For Freedom,

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