

MAP NO. 13 MARINE MAMMALS

Seasonality Information - Presence of marine mammals

SPECIES	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Steller Sea Lion	Winter haulouts											
	Rookeries, year-round haulouts											
Northern Fur Seal	Southern migration											
	Some individuals present											
	Northern migration											
Harbour Seal	All year - throughout the coast.											
Sea Otter	All year											
Gray Whale	Southern migration											
	Peak											
	Northern migration											
	Year-round presence of 100-200 whales.											
Humpback Whale	Exact distribution unknown.											
Killer Whale	All year											
Minke, Sei, Fin, Blue and Sperm Whales	Most commonly seen June to September											
	Exact distribution unknown.											
Dall, Pacific Harbour and Pacific White-sided Dolphins	Apparently common, but little is known of the seasonality of presence.											
Other Whales	Occur, but little is known.											

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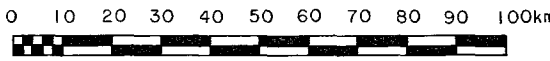
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Explanatory Notes

Harbour seals may be found everywhere in the study area throughout the year. Sea otters are found all year in a relatively confined area adjacent to their colonies. Humpback and sei whales usually remain offshore, but may enter inlets to feed. Killer and gray whales may be seen very close to shore. Other whales usually remain at least 20 kilometers from shore.

LEGEND

- ◆ Sea Otter Colony
- ▨ Killer Whale Locality
- Gray Whales
  - ▨ Feeding area, nonmigrating population
  - ↔ Migration route
- Steller Sea Lion
  - Rookery
  - Year-round haulout
  - ▲ Winter haulout



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