

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I George W Larson of \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Town or Company

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Address Phone #

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George W Larson \_\_\_\_\_ 7/31/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sarah N. Stoker 8-27-09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

I enjoyed getting to see the whales today ~~at this~~ from a 100 yards-away view; would hope to come back again in the future and see the whales from the same distance. ☺

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I Debra Susan Pratt of Mt. Vernon WA  
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3129 Moody St  
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Debra S. Pratt 9-11-09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

*I learned so much today & continue to be amazed by our regions wild life. Please keep the laws in perspective to anyone can appreciate the creatures.*

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I Tammy DeHerrera of Boring, Oregon  
Full Name Town or Company

P.O. Box 1022, Boring, OR 97009  
Address Phone #

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Tammy DeHerrera 9/11/2009  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

as someone visiting the area for the first time, I can tell you that increasing the distance would make viewing these whales almost impossible... as a result tourists would not pay to visit the area again...

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I DIANA JEONG of CAMBRIDGE ON  
Full Name Town or Company

60 Longhurst Cres. 226-218-2943  
Address Phone #

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[Signature] Aug 28/09  
Signature Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

Be brave, please  
We need to fight ourselves for what we've done to these precious areas.

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I Phil & Rita Carova of Plaquemine CA 90764 USA  
Full Name Town or Company

24522 Pecan Meadow Dr. 225677 8340  
Address Phone #

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Phil Carova 9/3/09  
Rita Carova 9/3/09  
Signature Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

6000+ ORCA'S!

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I SHIRLEY POLLAN of USA  
Full Name Town or Company  
655 Miller Ave, Mill Valley CA 94941 - Phone 415-381-6952  
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Shirley Pollan Aug. 20/2009  
Signature Date

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*Please Save the whales and other  
wild animals -*

*Save the wild Salmon -  
Please! Shirley  
Pollan*

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Full Name Town or Company  
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Cameron 8/20/09  
Signature Date

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I loved the trip

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I Marae Slyter of Seattle, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

23424 - 134th LN (253) 630-1799  
Address Phone #  
SE Kent, WA 98042  
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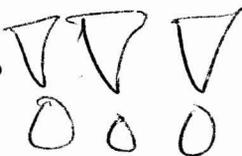
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Marae Slyter  
Signature

8/17/09  
Date

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SAVE DA WHALES 

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I Margi Scott of \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Town or Company

2561W 1125 S Haubstadt IN \_\_\_\_\_  
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Margi Scott \_\_\_\_\_ 8-15-09  
Signature Date

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Rebecca B. Freedman  
Ben L. Freedman  
Sharon F. Freedman

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Full Name Town or Company

17 Twinleaf Place Durham, NC 27705 (USA) (919) 309-2640  
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Neil J. Freedman 8/15/09  
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Kevin Van Camp Aug 15/09  
Signature Date

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I Rachel Macatee of Victoria, BC  
Full Name Town or Company

4220 Panama Dr. 250-889-8495  
Address Phone #

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Rachel Macatee Aug 15 2009  
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save the fish }

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Full Name Town or Company

240 Old Mossy Rd, Victoria 250-474-5332  
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Andrew Lees  
Signature

Aug 16/09  
Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

The efforts need to be put on restoring the salmon in the Salish Sea and enforcing the existing regulations, not introducing new ones that do nothing

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I SIMON TURNER of BOTHELL, WA  
Full Name Town or Company  
24226 26<sup>th</sup> AVENUE BOTHELL 425 485 1388  
Address Phone #

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Signature

Date

Additional Comments:

I agree we need to protect the whales, but this is not the best approach. There is no evidence it will help them. The tours are a great way to appreciate the whales.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Mildred K. Ramsey of Windham CT  
Full Name Town or Company

100 Hunt Rd. Columbia, CT 860 729-5472  
Address Phone #

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Mildred K. Ramsey 8.14.09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

200 yds would virtually eliminate the general public's ability to see these magnificent creators. Not needed.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I ALYN NASH of BIG WHITE  
Full Name Town or Company

PO BOX 45075 UNIT D 4813 250 215 4823  
Address Phone #

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Alyn Nash  
Signature

30 Aug 2009  
Date

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100m seemed fine, especially considering the whales would leave if they were at all perturbed.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Diane Marwood of Anacortes WA  
Full Name Town or Company  
11694 McCordale Pl. 360-202-4344  
Address Phone #

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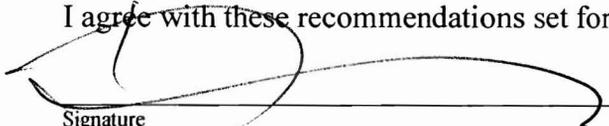
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Signature July 13 2009  
Date

Additional Comments:

= I believe that whale watching organizations should follow safety guidelines & be reviewed to maintain integrity but these tours of the natural whale is so much more valuable than the captive alternative

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Leborah Haase of Kingwood, Tx  
Full Name Town or Company

15 Forest Course Cir 713521-602  
Address Phone #

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[Signature] 5/12/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

A 200 yd limit would mean regular people would never get to see the true beauty of these magnificent creatures.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Jamie Pope of North Wales UK  
Full Name Town or Company

3 Stag Cottages N. Wales UK \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jamie Pope \_\_\_\_\_ 26-8-09  
Signature Date

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Excellent trip, full of information to learn.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I TERRY STEPHENS of GILWIND RAPIDS, MN  
Full Name Town or Company

36045 Little Bass Dr. 218-999-7155  
Address Phone #

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TERRY STEPHENS 8/18/2009  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

THE WHALE WATCHING COMPANY & EMPLOYEES IN MY EXPERIENCE DISPLAY NOT ONLY A GREAT RESPECT & CONCERN FOR THE WHALES' WELFARE, BUT AN ACTUAL LOVE FOR & DELIGHT IN THEM. THE WHALES ARE IN NO WAY ENDANGERED OR EVEN BOTHERED BY THEIR PRESENCE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CURRENT LAW. TO DOUBLE THE VIEWING DISTANCE WOULD MAKE IT FAR MORE CHALLENGING FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS TO ENJOY

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I James A. Lane of Villa Rica GA.  
Full Name Town or Company

514 Barbary Dr. Villa Rica GA 30180 404-516-8727  
Address Phone #

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[Signature] 8/18/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

While I do agree with making sure whales and other wildlife are protected, I also believe being able to see and have limited interaction with animals will also go a long way in educating people about these truly wonder animals.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Roy Mason of 150 Woodsia Rd, Huddersfield, England,  
Full Name Town or Company  
BERGOMONT PARK 01484 654496  
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Signature

Roy Mason

Date

2/5/09

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

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## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I LAURA E. STORT of JACKSONVILLE FL / US NAVY  
Full Name Town or Company

10075 GATE PKWY #403 334-703-8188  
Address Phone #

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Signature

19 AUG 09  
Date

Additional Comments:

Educational whale watching tours such as "Island Adventures" are crucial to whale conservation & environmental conservation as a whole. People are truly affected by these tours & go on to change their lives in support of green efforts. To change the regs would put these people out of business - not only harming the local economy, eroding education - and at worst, encouraging private boats to do illegal boat tours. NOT a good idea.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Gay A. Woods of Anacortes, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

2118 Creekside Lane 360-982-2648  
Address Phone #

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Jay A Woods 8/2/2009  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

What is the justification for the proposed NOAA regulations?

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Stephan C. Farrell of Paso Robles Ca  
Full Name Town or Company

1619 Rambouillet Rd. (805) 610 3205  
Address Phone #

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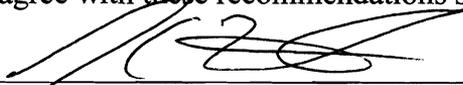
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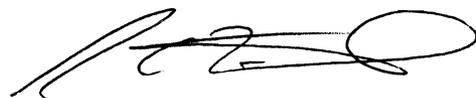
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Signature

31 July 09  
Date

Additional Comments:

currently It is my opinion that the boats don't get close enough. Our tour captain did a great job to protect the Orcas



## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Nancy W Hurley of Lynnwood WA  
Full Name Town or Company

6723 183<sup>rd</sup> St SW 425-672-2843  
Address Phone #

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Nancy W. Hurley  
Signature

8-2-2009  
Date

Additional Comments:

Please do not double the distance.

Thanks

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Bobby Joe Christian of Herndon, VA  
Full Name Town or Company

904 Ashburn Street 571-232-8744  
Address Phone #

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Bobby Joe Christian  
Signature

3 Aug 09  
Date

Additional Comments:

Commercial whale-watching boats w/ Naturalists  
On board always observe distances. The issue arises,  
as I have seen as a viewer/customer, with the small boats &  
personal large yachts, operated not by naturalists but  
by arrogant owners of these private vessels who refuse  
to abide by the laws. Pictures of these infractions are  
not responded to & laws are not currently enforced. Let's enforce curren.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I TRACEY PATCHING of BRIGHTON UK EAST SUSSEX  
Full Name Town or Company

35 ALMOND STREET 01273 672492  
Address Phone #

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Tracey Patching  
Signature

20/8/09  
Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

100 mts GOOD PHOTO'S.

\* 200 mts NO PHOTO'S (THAT'S BA) \*

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

Philip Brachewidz of Brighton UK EAST SUSSEX  
Full Name Town or Company

35 Arnold Street 01273 672497  
Address Phone #

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P Brachewidz  
Signature

20/8/09  
Date

PLEASE THINK?

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

100mts good photos

\* 200mts NO PHOTOS (that's bad) \*

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Kelly Levido of Steveston  
Full Name Town or Company

5275 Garry St. Richmond 778-960-3518  
Address Phone #

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Kelly Levido Aug 3, 2009  
Signature Date

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Increasing the distance to 200 metres would loose all the educational value whale watching offers - and besides, in order to respect the 100 metre distance, ~~the boat~~ the world-wide standard, the boats were 130 - 150 metres away already.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Susan Howell of Seattle WA  
Full Name Town or Company

6529 Greenwood Ave 206 661-4214  
Address Phone #

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Susan Howell Sept. 16  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

We watched the whales approach the boat from various directions. We could even see the white spots clearly - They were that close. Safety and protection of our orcas depends on people seeing them, feeling connected and this can continue to happen with the present intelligent restrictions.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Berneta Myres of Charleston, W.V.  
Full Name Town or Company

309 Three Mile Rd. 304-965-7380  
Address Phone #

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Berneta Myres 9/11/09  
Signature Date

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The public has a right to be able to observe these animals in their natural surrounding & habitat, without the danger of harm being done to them.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Mary Fenstermann of Red Oak, IA  
Full Name Town or Company

1710 Eastern Ave. (712) 623-3623  
Address Phone #

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Mary Fenstermann 9-9-19  
Signature Date

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*IF it isn't Broken, don't fix it.*

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Christina Anstaett of Spanaway WA  
Full Name Town or Company

6313 197th St E Spanaway WA 98387 253-655-5100  
Address Phone #

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Chris Anstaett  
Signature

9-4-09  
Date

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Current regs allow people to really see what majestic animals these are without stress to them - seeing them only results in being that much more appreciative of them

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I JOSEPH MATTHEWS of Tukwila, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

5715 S. 152<sup>ND</sup> PL 206 988 6293  
Address Phone #

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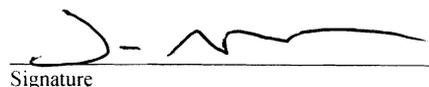
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Signature

9/4/2009  
Date

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SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Lorraine Rasmussen of Lopez Island  
Full Name Town or Company

Address

Phone #

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Lorraine Rasmussen Signature 8/17/09 Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

*More supervision of private boaters is needed, the whale watch tours are not the main problem.*

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Betty A. Mooney of Anacortes  
Full Name Town or Company

2010 41<sup>st</sup> 360-293-3260  
Address Phone #

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Betty A. Mooney 8-17-09  
Signature Date

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*It is much better to view the whales in their natural environment, that in man made pens. The 100 yard recommendation makes possible viewing and camera (pictures) for all to enjoy, yet keeps the safety of boats being too close. Heavy fines should*

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Harry R. Oliver of Platteau, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

11154 S. Amundson Rd. 713-390-5166  
Address Phone #

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Harry R. Oliver 8-8-09  
Signature Date

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*We enjoyed viewing the whales so much.  
Please Don't change a thing!*

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Eric Mathiesen of Edmonds, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

7817<sup>EM</sup> +6 14006 61st Pl W 3C 425-894-8215  
Address Phone #

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E Mathiesen  
Signature

8-9-09  
Date

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*I believe whale watching + education should be loosened to approach 100 ft level*

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Susan Jean Skalbeck of (Springfield) Eugene, Oregon  
Full Name Town or Company

5370 'B' St. 541-543-5228

Address

Phone #

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Susan J. Skalbeck 8/9/09  
Signature Date

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*They're not our entertainment, were theirs - why would you want to take that away from them? ☺  
And what about the humans who's livelihood depends on them?*

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Susanne Dunsford of Mukiteo  
Full Name Town or Company

6667 Waterton Circle 425-322-5588  
Address Phone #

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Susanne Dunsford 8/9/09  
Signature Date

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We have been on several whale watching expeditions in various parts of the North American waters. Each has been respectful of the whales and wonderfully educational. It would be a shame for children to only see whales in captivity performing amphitheaters.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Matt Townley of Seattle, WA  
Full Name Town or Company  
3635 Regency Ave N 512-665-7950  
Address Phone #

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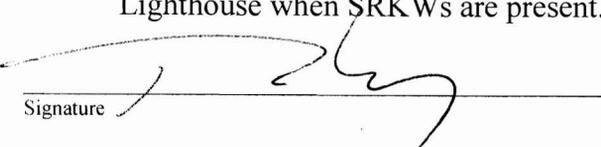
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Signature 

Date 26 Aug 09

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It appears that the commercial vessels keep a respectful <sup>distance</sup> ~~distance~~ while the private boats do not. Enforce the voluntary regs (that PWWA recognizes) on everyone.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I RICHARD PEETERMAN of AMSTELVEEN, HOLLAND  
Full Name Town or Company

TURFSCHIP  
Address Phone #

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Signature 

Date 25-09-2009

Additional Comments:

BETTER CONTROLLED SPEED NEAR THE WHALES AND TOO LARGE BOATES  
I JUST SAW A VERY LARGE FERRY!

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Arthur C. HEWITT of Crowsville Maryland  
Full Name Town or Company

2114 Edwin Ln 410-721-4114  
Address Phone #

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Arthur C. Hewitt 9-12-09  
Signature Date

Please add additional comments below and on back in necessary:

need to patrol for pleasure boaters as close as 50m

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Cassie Anronik of Coquitlam BC  
Full Name Town or Company

842 Westwood Ct. 6045521961  
Address Phone #

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C. Anronik  
Signature

Sept. 12/09  
Date

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Definitely need more regulation and attention to procure boaters while with whales.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I JAMES KITABAWA of RICHMOND B.C.  
Full Name Town or Company

9280 GORMOND RD 604 271-7224  
Address Phone #

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Date

SEPT. 12/09

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200 M IS ~~BEING~~ UNREASONABLE

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Robert Crain of Gardner, KS  
Full Name Town or Company

548 E Pawnee Lane 913-884-7011  
Address Phone #

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Robert Crain 8-4-09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

At no time did we impede the whales. The captain did a great job to ensure we did not adversely impact their progress.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I JoAnne Hume of Auburn, WA 98001  
Full Name Town or Company

1108 W St NW 2063109723  
Address Phone #

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JoAnne Hume 8/4/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

Do not increase the distance to 200 yards - too many!

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

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Full Name Town or Company

5592 Edinger Ave, HB Ca 714 875-5853  
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Kera Mathes 8/4/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

The people that are getting closer than 100 yds are the ones that need to be more closely watched, and the rules enforced

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Tyson Reed of Burlington, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

12796 Country Club Pl 218-1387818  
Address Phone #

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Tyson Reed 8-4-09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments: Until scientific proof is given that the quarter mile zone and 100 yard laws are ~~having~~ having negative affects on the whales I see no reason in making changes. Why fix what isn't broken? Further more, I think there should be more concern for the future of salmon in the area, since the lives of these fish impact the whales severely.

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I KAREN HASTINGS of OAK HARBOR, WA  
Full Name Town or Company

675 SW FRANKLIN CT (360) 679-6879  
Address Phone #

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Karen V. Hastings  
Signature

08/14/09  
Date

Additional Comments:

As a resident of this area, I believe the local members of PWWA understand the needs of the local whales. It is the private boats that are the problem.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I ROBERT FEINSTEIN of KIRKLAND  
Full Name Town or Company

11116 NE 41<sup>st</sup> DR 425 893 9490  
Address Phone #

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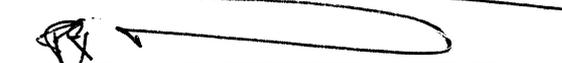
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 8/19/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

IT'S NOT THE REGULATION, IT'S THE ENFORCEMENT (NONE) THAT'S THE PROBLEM

## Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Chris Klimecky of Kirkland, WA  
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Association's position regarding NOAA's proposed regulation changes for killer whales in Washington waters.

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The educational benefit to the general public from the whale watching industry has been well documented. Doubling the viewing distance would dramatically impact the effectiveness of this education.

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Chris Klimecky  
Signature

7/31/2009  
Date

Additional Comments:

We love the whales and appreciate the opportunity to experience them at the closest, safest distance possible. Educating our children, family, friends, etc. about these magnificent animals and giving/sharing the experience for years to come is extremely important. Moving the distance for viewing without good science is the wrong direction for support of the orca population.

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I Deborah A. Cutkomp of Peyton, Colorado  
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Deborah A. Cutkomp 7-31-09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

The whales were beautiful. Everyone should get to experience their beauty at least once in their lifetime!

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I Clarise Sellyeh of Edmonton Alberta  
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Clarise Sellyeh Aug 14 / 07  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

Pretty awesome

☺ good information given.

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

I Nicole Carbine of Bellevue, WA  
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Nicole Carbine 8/27/09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

The whale watching (educational + tourist) boats are being respectful to the whales + staying 100m~~feet~~ away =

# Proposed Vessel Regulations for Killer Whales in Washington Waters

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S. Patton 27 AUG 09  
Signature Date

Additional Comments:

As a foreign visitor to the US + supporting your tourism, these trips are important + exciting for us who don't have those species inhabit ~~our~~ coastal waters etc. Regulate the small independent scullers with private boats who flout the guidelines?