

# SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

WITH PACIFIC WHALE FOUNDATION



Share your photos of dolphin dorsal fins and humpback whale flukes with researchers who study them! Photo-identification of whales and dolphins has been part of our long-term research at Pacific Whale Foundation, and you can help. By donating your photos, you will help us to monitor the life history traits, population trends, and habitat use patterns of whales and dolphins around the world.

## HOW IT WORKS | 3 EASY STEPS

### STEP 1 TAKE A LOT OF PHOTOS

While on the water, keep an eye out for spouts, tail flukes, and dorsal fins. If you see a humpback whale, photograph the underside of the tail. If you see a dolphin, photograph the dorsal fin and sides of its body.

### STEP 2 UPLOAD AND REVIEW YOUR PHOTOS

Please review the photos from your trip and upload your best images that meet our photo quality criteria.

#### MEETS OUR CRITERIA



Directly behind the whale's tail



Perpendicular to a dolphin's dorsal fin and body



Can clearly see the tail's pigmentation and trailing edge



Can clearly see the dorsal fin's nicks and notches

#### DOES NOT MEET OUR CRITERIA



Bad Fluke Angle



Out of Focus



Bad Dorsal Angle



Out of Focus

### STEP 3 SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

Email your photos to [research@pacificwhale.org](mailto:research@pacificwhale.org) with "Photo Donation" in the subject line and include:

1. the DATE the photo was taken, and
2. the GPS LOCATION or a general description of the sighting location.

## CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'RE DONE!

You will receive a confirmation email from the Research Department to let you know that we received your donation. If the donated photo passes our quality criteria, it will be cataloged and your name and contact information will be added to our database along with the photo as our way to thank you and acknowledge your contribution to our catalog.

