

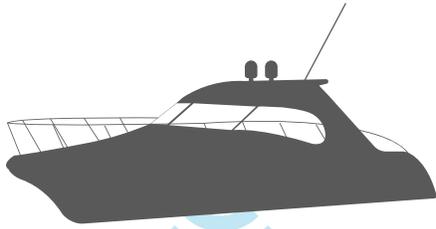
GOVERNOR'S  
SOUTHERN RESIDENT

**ORCA**

TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES TO  
HELP PROTECT ORCAS AND ALLOW  
THEM TO FIND FOOD

## When orcas are nearby:



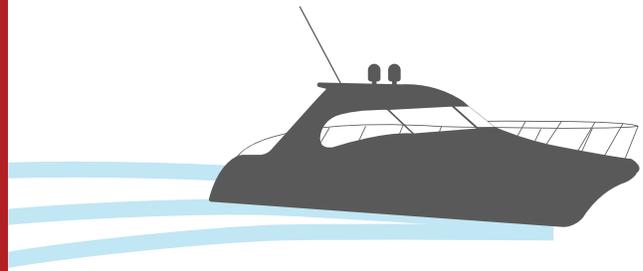
**Switch to  
200-kHz**

Operating a dual-frequency depth sounder, fish finder, or other underwater transducer? **Switch it to the 200-kHz setting.**

Operating a single-frequency, 50-kHz depth sounder? **Turn it off, except if needed for safe navigation.**

NOAA's recent research shows that our endangered southern resident orcas are particularly sensitive to the underwater noise generated at the 50-kHz frequency. Boats emitting this frequency interfere with the orcas' ability to find and catch salmon.

Governor Inslee's Southern Resident Orca Task Force is asking boaters who are near orcas to avoid using 50-kHz depth sounders.



**Slow down.  
Leave no wake.**

When orcas are near, boaters are asked to **observe a no-wake zone.**

Governor Inslee's Southern Resident Orca Task Force is asking operators of small vessels and commercial whale-watching vessels to leave no wake when within sight of orcas, and when it's safe to do so. This will reduce the loud spikes in underwater noise that happen when boats suddenly change speeds. It will also give orcas better conditions to find and chase salmon and will help reduce the chance of colliding with the orcas.

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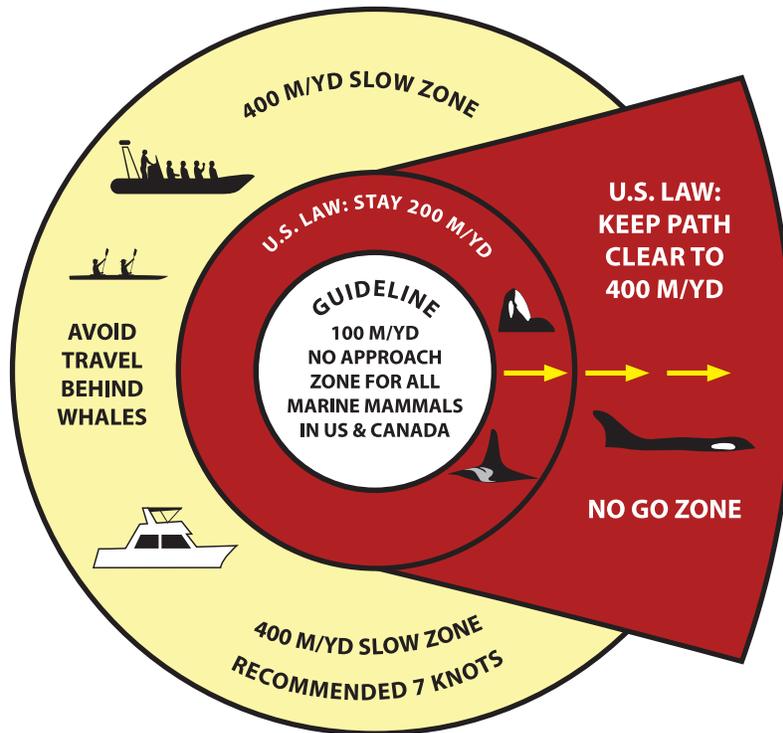
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**Be WhaleWise and Follow the Law. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...**

1. The ONE place not to be is in the path of the whales. Don't position your vessel in the path of oncoming whales within 400 yards of a whale.
2. Stay at least TWO hundred yards away from any killer whale (200 yards = the distance of two football fields or about 200 meters).
3. Remember these THREE ways to Be Whale Wise: follow the guidelines for viewing all wildlife, check for local protected areas and restrictions, and always be safe.

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