

Project Update: September 2011

We finished our field season on the 6th September 2011. We spent 31 days working with killer whales and encountered about 24 killer whale matriline. We met many newborn calves this year.

While we stayed in the nearby city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskii we established contacts with local marine biologists and discussed with



them the problem of marine habitat degradation and fish stock depletion in Avacha Gulf. We gave an interview to the local radio station. During the broadcast we discussed the problem of the conservation of the local killer population, overfishing in Avacha Gulf and the plans of oil companies to conduct seismic exploration in Avacha Gulf. We also held a seminar at the local university for biology students. Special emphasis was made on the actual problems of marine habitat degradation in Avacha Gulf and their influence on the local killer whale population. We had an encouraging reception to our presentations.