

# Humpback whales

Recovering from whaling

Returning to their former habitat



2018 population estimate

**~12,000**

Humpbacks are moving into areas in the Salish Sea where they haven't been seen in recent history

**~8,500**

Haida Gwaii and West Coast Vancouver Island

**~3,300**

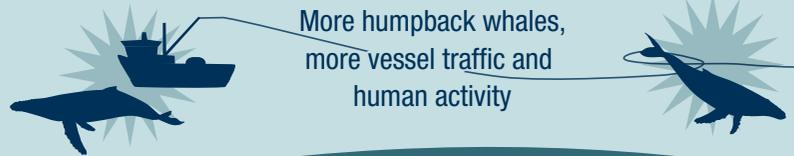
Central Coast

**~350**

Salish Sea

## MORE COLLISIONS AND ENTANGLEMENTS

More humpback whales, more vessel traffic and human activity



## FOOD WEB CHANGES

Humpback whales eat **LARGE AMOUNTS** of zooplankton and forage fish

Growing numbers of whales could have impacts on fish populations



# Bigg's killer whales

Population on the rise

Healthy and thriving

**>500**

Ranging between California and southern Alaska

A subgroup of Bigg's killer whales has been regularly seen in the Salish sea since 2012



Between 2012 and 2021 **OVER 100 CALVES**

have been observed in the Salish Sea  
The population grew **4.1% annually**

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**LOTS TO EAT**

The harbour seal is a favourite prey of Bigg's killer whales

**40,000**

estimated harbour seal population in the Strait of Georgia



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