

Saratoga Passage Gray Whale Retrieval and Necropsy



Left & below: A team from Cascadia Research, WA Fish and Wildlife, and Central Puget Sound MMSN conducted the necropsy.



Above: Cause of death was determined to be trauma, likely a ship strike



Above: Stomach contents revealed the whale had been eating well - ghost shrimp and other invertebrates were found in its full stomach.

Below: Thanks to having the beach at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, we were able to let the carcass rot in the sun, and the bones were ready to retrieve within several months.



Left: The CPSMMSN Necropsy facility (photoshopped version of what it would look like had we brought the entire carcass back to necropsy here!)

Female California Sea Lion



Above: Our most unusual stranding this year - a female CA Sea Lion with domoic acid poisoning.

Volunteer Training & Public Education



Left & Below:
Hands-on Training
for new Volunteers -
the "smell test"!



Above: Stephanie Norman, DVM, MS conducts
CPSMMSN Volunteer Training
Whidbey Island, WA



Below & Right: Rudy the Dall's Porpoise skeleton,
installed at the Coupeville Wharf Marine Education Center



Left: A Gray whale skull collected by CPSMMSN, prepared by Camano Island WSU
Beach Watchers, on display at Cama Beach State Park.



Above: Samson the Steller sea lion, soon to join Rudy the Dall's porpoise
and Rosie the gray whale at the Coupeville Wharf Marine Educaiton Center.

Public Education



Above: Sandy Dubpernell educates at the MMSN display at Welcome the Whales Day in Langley.



Above: The new docent handbook for volunteers at the Coupeville Wharf Marine Center, prepared by Sandy Dubpernell.



Above: New CPSMMSN Marine Mammal Interpretive display in Snohomish County



Above: Marine Mammal Display Oak Harbor Senior Center - June 2008



Above: Kristen Cooley of the Puget Sound Partnership, visits Susan Berta & the CPSMMSN Poster at the Puget Sound/ Georgia Basin Research Conference in Seattle.



Below: The CPSMMSN display at the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin Research Conference in Seattle