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.

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.

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

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 Education 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

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

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