

WDFW Police: 1-877-933-9848
US Coast Guard: VHF Channel 16

Report Violations/ Incidents

- Be ready to slow, stop, or adjust course
- Whale Warning Flag



- Look out for signs of whales
- Stay alert and cautious

What to do while boating

Washington Department of
FISH & WILDLIFE



Know the laws to protect endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW)

Per **RCW 77.15.740**, Motorized and non-motorized vessel operators (including kayakers/paddleboarders) in Washington waters must:

- Stay 1,000 yards away from SRKW.
- Attempt to navigate out of the path and away from SRKW within 1,000 yards of their vessel while adhering to a 7-knot speed limit.
- If a SRKW approaches within 400 yards, disengage the transmission if it is safe to do so and wait for the animal to move away.

Stay 1,000 yds away

1000

Move away slowly

400

Disengage engine



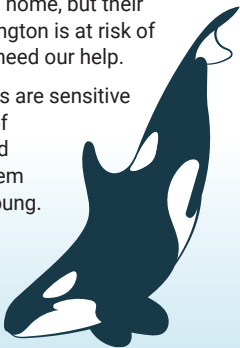
Endangered Southern Resident killer whales need space to survive and thrive

Boaters, it's up to you!

These iconic animals call the Salish Sea home, but their dwindling population means that Washington is at risk of losing these whales to extinction. They need our help.

Research shows that Southern Residents are sensitive to noise and disturbance from vessels of all types, including sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards. Staying away will help them hunt, rest, socialize, and care for their young.

WDFW encourages boaters to assume unidentified orcas are Southern Residents, and stay 1,000 yards away.



Visit wdfw.wa.gov/orca to learn about the laws and WDFW's orca recovery efforts

Visit bewhalewise.org to report violations, sightings, and for transboundary laws and guidelines

