

Project Update: January 2015

We almost finished data processing. The results of morphological analysis of fish scales showed that orcas fed on *Oncorhynchus nerka* near Paramushir Island and on *Oncorhynchus kizhuch*, *Oncorhynchus keta* and *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* in Avacha Gulf. We are waiting for the results of molecular analysis from our colleagues from Vavilov Institute of General Genetics in Moscow for confirmation. We continue to spread information about our research work, our orcas and the Russian capture situation through our web page and on two pages on social networks, in both English and Russian. On 5th December, 2014 in Moscow I led a popular seminar “Meeting with killer whales” for the public including children. During the seminar we spoke about orca biology and marine ecosystem sustainability, FEROP research work and our orcas. On 12th December 2014, at the Moscow Zoological museum we were holding one more Blackfish screening for publicity.



Left: Tatiana Ivkovich is explaining the importance of killer whale feeding behaviour studies. Right: Modelling kelp forest ecosystem with children.