

Project Update: September 2014

We finished our field season on 2nd September 2014. In total we had 18 orca encounters (six near Paramushir Island and 12 in Avacha Gulf of Kamchatka). We have collected 19 fish scale samples from orca feeding places. Several tourist groups were visiting our camp during the field season and we organized educational seminars for them. On 22nd September 2014 our team attended the round-table devoted to captures of orcas and belugas in Russia in the framework of the "Marine Mammals of Holarctic" conference in St. Petersburg, Russia. We also organised a screening of the documentary movie "Blackfish" for the marine mammal scientific community on the 24th of September and for St. Petersburg citizens on the 27th of September. The orca captures in Russia were discussed during these events.



Left: Orca female with a salmon near Paramushir Island. Photo by Tatiana Ivkovich. Right: Tatiana Ivkovich gives an oral presentation about orca captures in Russia after Blackfish screening in St. Petersburg. Photo by Asya Danishevskaya.