

OC Overview for the Week of August 13 2018

Apathy towards poachers widespread in world's marine protected areas

New research by the ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies assesses how fishers behave when faced with poaching in MPAs. The study found that majority of fishers, in the countries studied, did nothing when faced with illegal fishing behavior. The researchers hoped to find what would make fishers more empathetic towards the protection of MPAs. (via [Phys.org](#))

80,000 gallons of sewage spills into Puget Sound's Sinclair Inlet

The smell is what first alerted people near the navel base in Washington State that something was amiss. A blocked pipe has led to an extremely large sewage spill into the Sinclair Inlet. Health departments have issued a no contact order with the inlet until August 31st. (via [King 5](#))

'Biological passports' show whale sharks travel less than we thought

Whale sharks are beautiful, large, peaceful creatures...and apparently also homebodies. Young whale sharks have been found to stay much closer to home than previously thought. The most likely reason is the comfort of knowing when and where food will be. (via [Mongabay](#))

Marine Worms Are Eating Plastic Now

A team from the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology discovered that marine polychaetes do not hate the taste of plastic. In a controlled experiment, the scientists studied how much microplastic poop is expelled when adult and juvenile polychaetes are left with a block of styrofoam. The results show a lot of microplastic poop. (via [Hakai Magazine](#))

Thousands of Farmed Salmon Escape Into the Wild

https://www.ecowatch.com/farmed-salmon-escape-into-the-wild-2594231035.html?utm_campaign=RebelMouse&socialux=facebook&share_id=3842249&utm_medium=social&utm_content=EcoWatch&utm_source=facebook

How to Dismantle a Blue Whale

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/features/how-to-dismantle-a-blue-whale/>

After 17 Days And 1,000 Miles, A Mother Orca's 'Tour Of Grief' Is Over

<http://www.knkx.org/post/after-17-days-and-1000-miles-mother-orcas-tour-grief-over>

Scientists deliver live salmon to sick, endangered orca

<http://www.kuow.org/post/scientists-deliver-live-salmon-sick-endangered-orca>

Orca extinction is not an option

<https://www.seattletimes.com/opinion/orca-extinction-is-not-an-option/>

Bid to limit commercial fishing in marine parks defeated by Coalition

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/aug/16/bid-to-limit-commercial-fishing-in-marine-parks-defeated-by-coalition>