



PUBLIC NOTICE

ILLEGAL DISTURBANCE OR INTERACTIONS WITH L98 (LUNA)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is extremely concerned about recent reports of inappropriate interactions with L98 (LUNA) the lone juvenile killer whale.

Due to this animal's separation from its pod, it is inappropriately seeking human contact. It is critical that its present habituation to people and boats is broken immediately. All interactions with L98 compromise this animal's opportunity for living a natural and wild existence. Killer whales are extremely intelligent and even a minimum amount of contact will reinforce its current life-threatening behaviours.

Everyone must comply with the following:

- X Don't attempt to attract or interact with this whale under any circumstance.
- X Don't touch, feed or throw objects at the whale.
- X Don't use the lower dock when the whale is present, except when loading or unloading your vessel. If you must use the lower dock, do so quickly and without stopping.
- X Don't slow down or stop if approached when you are in a boat or aircraft. If approached, motor away or dock as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Do stand back and remain quiet when the whale is present.
- ✓ Do report incidents involving inappropriate behaviour immediately.
- ✓ Do be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

DFO reminds the public that it is illegal to disturb any marine mammal in Canada (Section 7, Marine Mammal Regulations). Violators face potential fines of up to \$100,000.

Report any contravention of these guidelines to DFO's Observe, Record, and Report (ORR) hotline at 1-800-465-4336 or the RCMP 911

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