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April 13th Meeting:

Mark J. Palmer: “Whither Whales – History & Current Status of Whaling”

Our in-person / Zoom April hybrid meeting will feature the Associate Director of Earth Island Institute’s International Marine Mammal Project.



Mark was a consultant for the Academy Award winning documentary The Cove and appears in the Animal Planet series Blood Dolphin\$.

He focuses on protecting whales and dolphins, with emphasis on strategic planning, legislative advocacy, legal research, grassroots organizing, and media relations.

Mark is also Director of Earth Island Institute’s Wildlife Alive Subproject, dedicated to protecting wildlife and wild places throughout California and the West.

Palmer graduated with a BA in Zoology from the University of California at Berkeley, where he founded and led the Endangered Species Committee of California. He then spent two years of graduate work at SFSU in the Department of Biology.

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March Meeting Recap:

Hannes Klostermann – “The Best of Baja: Exploring The Wild West”

Hannes proved why Baja is such a special place for amazing landscapes and incredible wildlife, and why his photography is in such high demand.



*Hannes showcased the best places to see certain species, **what** they are, and **when** to see them.*

A summary:

- Guadalupe Island – Great White Sharks (July – October)
- Socorro – Giant Manta Rays (Oct – June with winter being the best time)
- La Paz – Giant Manta Rays (Summer)

See Page 2 for more on Hannes Klostermann

More About Mark Palmer

Prior to coming to Earth Institute, Mark served as Regional Vice President for the Sierra Club for Northern California and Nevada; Chairman of the Sierra Club's National Wildlife Committee; and Chairman of the Sierra Club's Arctic Campaign Steering Committee, which successfully blocked oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge during both the Reagan and George H.W. Bush Administrations. He has also been Executive Director of the Whale Center (1986-1990) and the Mountain Lion Foundation (1990-1995).

Palmer joined the staff of Earth Island in 1995, spearheading efforts in Congress and federal court to protect and maintain the integrity of the Dolphin Safe label on tuna.

He has worked since 2004 with Ric O'Barry on the Save Japan Dolphins Campaign, which has seen worldwide attention to the problem of dolphin slaughters in Japan.

His articles have appeared in several national publications, including **Sierra Magazine**, **Pacific Discovery** (aka **Wild California**), **USA Today**, and **Earth Island Journal**. He has edited and contributed to several books, including *Friends of the Earth Whale Manual*, *Cougar: The American Lion*, and *Behind the Dolphin Smile*.

Palmer has more than 40 years of experience lobbying in the California State Capitol in Sacramento and in the U.S. Congress in Washington DC on wildlife and wilderness issues, as well as international experience with the Japanese-American Environmental Conference, the International Whaling Commission, and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission. Finally, he is editor of the daily newsletter **ECO** distributed at International Whaling Commission meetings.

Find out more: <https://savedolphins.eii.org/>

Please join us for his presentation on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00pm PT: "Whither Whales? History and Current Status of Whaling".

More about Hannes Klostermann

- Magdalena Bay – Gray Whales (February), Mobula Rays (April – July & Oct – Dec), Marlins (Oct – Nov), Grey Whales (Jan – March)
- Los Islotes – Sea Lions (Oct – Nov)
- Cabo Pulmo – Schools of Jacks (Winter)
- La Paz to Cabo – Whale Sharks (Oct – May)
- Los Cabos – Mako Sharks (Jan – July), Blue Sharks (Jan – Apr), Bull Sharks (Oct – Dec), Smooth Hammerheads (Apr – July), Scalloped Hammerheads (Fall – Winter), Humpbacks (Nov – April)
- Loreto – Blue Whales (Feb – March)
- Baja Coast – Orcas (Spring – Summer)

Divers and snorkelers can book a trip with Hannes to see this incredible variety of wildlife in extremely small groups.

To see more, visit his underwater photography website: <https://www.hk-underwater.com/index>

Farewell: Dottie May Frazier

A friend of MSC, Dottie didn't quite make it to 100. She passed away in February and will be remembered as America's first female scuba diving instructor, dive shop owner, hardhat diver, and dive suit manufacturer. She will be missed! Read her obit: <https://tinyurl.com/mt8dd2rj>

19th Annual Intl. Ocean Film Festival

SF's Cowell Theater will host films for the first time since 2019, April 7-10; online after April 11. Buy tickets now: <https://intloceanfilmfest.org/>

Amos Nachoum: World Nature Photographer of The Year.

One of our favorite presenters took home the 2021 Grand Prize and was the Gold winner in the "Behavior – Mammals" category with this amazing image of a leopard seal and a penguin: <https://www.worldnaturephotographyawards.com/>

BOTTOM TIMES

April 7-10: 19th Annual International Ocean Film Festival, live at Cowell Theatre, San Francisco; and April 11-24: virtual screenings. For more info, visit <https://intloceanfilmfest.org>

April 13 (Wed): Speaker – Mark Palmer, “Whither Whales? History & Current Status of Whaling”, Earth Island Institute and Director of Intermediate Marine Mammal Project.

Zoom / In-Person Club Meeting, 7:00 – 8:45pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7983463827?pwd=UGEREJ4VFoycmZRZ2IPWnM5NGp6dz09>

Meeting ID: 798 346 3827

Passcode: 755205

May 6-15: Philippines El Galleon Dive Resort in Puerto Galera. Join Ellen at this land-based resort for 9 nights. Boats depart 4 times daily for a short run to dive sites. Breakfast is included; airfare and transfers are not. Other fees: 5% charge for credit cards, \$16 daily for rental gear; \$66 per week for Nitrox, extra charge for Verde Island dive. **THIS TRIP IS FULL AND WE HAVE STARTED A WAITING LIST.** Contact Ellen Sakoloff for details: relations@marinscubaclub.org

May 11 (Wed): Speaker – Dr. Milton Love, “Fairly Interesting Fishes of The Pacific Coast”. Club Meeting, 7:00-8:45pm.

May 10-16: Big Sur Dive Trip. CANCELLED – BOAT PROPS BEING REPAIRED. Join Barb for a Channel Islands Expeditions “Vision liveaboard” departing Monterey, 5/10, then returns to Morro Bay on 5/16 with an included shuttle to Monterey. Four+ days of diving. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details.

June 18 (Sat), Marin Scuba Club Spring Social: Vegetarian Pot Luck at Jeffrey and Simma’s Farm Home in Sebastopol, 12:30–5:00pm PT. Evites have been sent to members.

Summer Dive ‘N Dine: The MSC has reserved Russian Gulch group campsite arriving Thursday, August 11th and departing Sunday August 14th. We booked the site for three nights to accommodate those who prefer to arrive on Thursday and secure an advantage in booking this lovely group campsite.

Summer Tahoe Dive: Emerald Bay. Cancelled.

Oct 18 – Nov 1: Kona, Hawaii Dive Trip. Let Barb know if you can join her for part or all of a two-week Kona trip in late October. She’s planning on staying at the Kona Reef Condos and dive with a few different operators. Contact [Barb Wambach](#) for details. Mahalo.

The Marin Scuba Club promotes safe diving. Remember to always plan your dive based on the conditions, be aware of your skills and equipment, and, above all, always stay with your buddy.

Renew Your Membership Now at Pre-COVID Rates.

Annual renewals for your membership were due by March 31, 2022: \$50 for singles & \$79 for couples.

A \$10 late fee is now in effect.

Download a form here: <https://marinscubaclub.org/membership/>

If you want to join MSC, download a new membership form here:

<https://marinscubaclub.org/membership/new-membership/>

Renew online now or contact Julie Finley for a form.

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Next Meeting:
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“Whither Whales?
History & Current
Status of Whaling”

(In-Person & Zoom
Hybrid Meeting:
Sausalito Parks & Rec
Center, Edgewater Room,
420 Litho Street,
Sausalito.)

The Club now meets on
the 2nd Wednesday
each month.

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