



DIRECT ACTION YOUTH WEEKLY UPDATE

DECEMBER 7, 2020

It might rain forever, I think. I know it probably won't (probably), but the ten-day forecast on my phone confirms my feelings looking out the window. My rain pants, jacket and boots are permanently by the door next to my dog's raincoat, which is too small for her but in my mind it's better than nothing. I think she might disagree, nothing is much preferable, thank you very much. Snowflake decorations made from cut up toilet paper rolls, with help from a glue stick and an ancient can of spray paint, hang from my living room ceiling but if it's not snow, it's rain. Or sun, inevitably, some day.

GENERAL UPDATES

Welcome, welcome to Hannah Kosichek! Today, Hannah starts her placement with the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, a joint project by Ocean Wise and WWF Canada! Based in Vancouver, Hannah will become a part of the **largest direct action conservation program in Canada**. Her background in biology, international travel experiences and love for the ocean and all its inhabitants mean that Hannah is the perfect person to share her passions on the ground, literally, as you'll likely find her working hard at a local shoreline!

And another two are wrapping up in time for the holidays. Thank you, Janelle and Sydni! Janelle has helped Parks Canada – Ontario Waterways to create a collaborative approach to phragmites, an invasive species that everyone deals with a little bit differently. We wish Sydni safe travels home from Prince Rupert, where she's gotten to know whales by name working with the North Coast Cetacean Research Initiative – I'm sure she'll never see flukes the same way again!

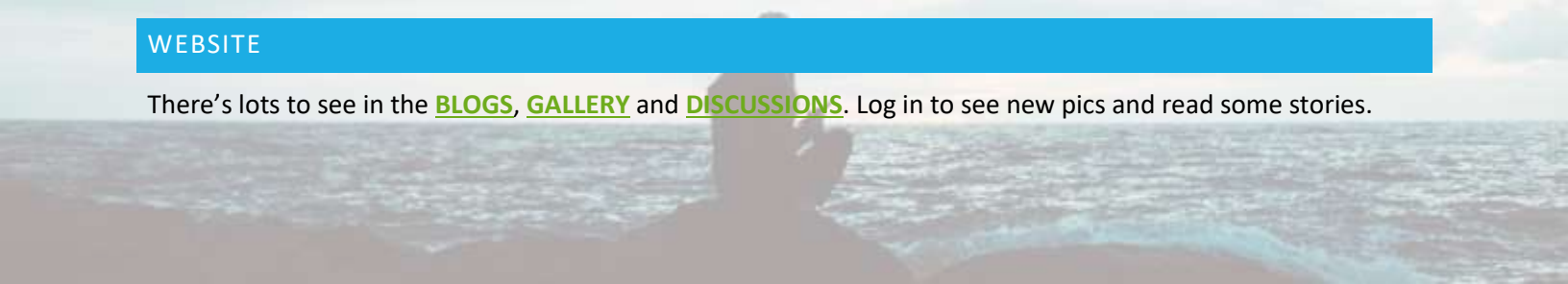
DA December Meet-Up will take place on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9-10am (PT) / 10-11am (MT) / 12-1pm (ET)**. Activities and host(s) TBD, so stay tuned! We look forward to seeing you on the 18th!

ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK: Join Ocean Wise Research *Tales from the Deep* on **December 10 @ 1pm (PT) / 4pm (ET)**. Have you ever seen a humpback whale and thought to yourself, "Whale hello there! What's your name?" Would you be surprised to know that humpback whales really do have names and unique identification codes? Join Julie Merchel, Research Assistant, and learn all about humpback whales, how to tell them apart, and why it's important. [Register for free here.](#)

WEBSITE

There's lots to see in the [BLOGS](#), [GALLERY](#) and [DISCUSSIONS](#). Log in to see new pics and read some stories.





SPINY SAYS...

Lessons from the Lumpsucker.



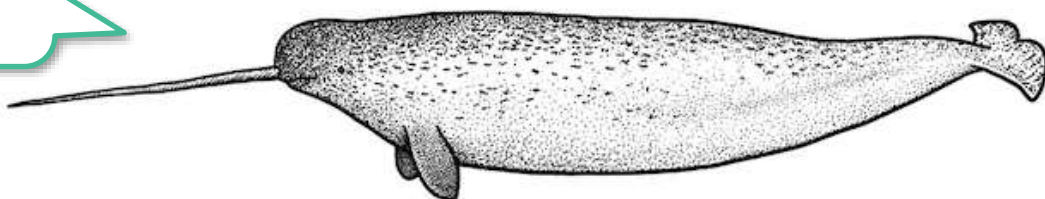
There's a lot to think about during the holidays, especially this year. What's one thing you're doing to reduce your environmental impact?

Here are a few ideas!

WEEKLY FUN FACT

During winter, narwhals make some of the deepest dives recorded for a marine mammal, diving to at least 2,600 feet over 15 times per day, **with many dives reaching 4,900 feet**. They are not the deepest-diving whales — that distinction belongs to [Cuvier's beaked whales](#), which have plunged to nearly 10,000 feet.

There's more to me than my amazing teeth!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The most wonderful and the strongest things in the world, you know, are just the things which no one can see."

- Charles Kingsley, *The Water-Babies*

LAUGH OF THE WEEK



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Have an amazing week!