

Help Wanted-How You Can Help



Introduction

Orcas in Granny's clan face many threats to their survival. They have been given special protection as an endangered species in the United States and Canada. Why are they endangered?

- Salmon, their primary food is hard to find because of overfishing, dams and habitat loss.
- Toxins and chemicals from human activities pollute the seas and cause illness and death.
- Boat traffic and loud noise interferes with echolocation, communication and feeding.

If we want Granny's great grand-children to survive, we can make sure they have enough food, swim a clean sea and have space and quiet.

What Do You Think?

- ◇ Do you think humans realize that their everyday activities may cause orcas and other species to become endangered?
- ◇ Do you think other people would like to learn more about Granny and her orca clan? What did you learn that you can share with them?
- ◇ What can you do at your home, school and community to help Granny's clan?
- ◇ Do you think Granny and her clan take care of their marine environment?
- ◇ Do you think Granny and her family waste food? Pollute the sea? Make a lot of noise?
- ◇ How would you feel if your family was endangered? What would you do?

How You Can Help

◇ *Learn more about orcas* ◇ *Share what you know about orcas* ◇ *Care for our shared environment*

1. Recycle, reuse, reduce
2. Restore salmon streams and habitats.
3. Conserve water at home and school.
4. Keep the ocean clean from pollutants & garbage.
5. Save energy at home, school and when driving.
6. Put waste in the right place (oil, detergents, kitty litter, chemicals, pesticides, etc.)
7. Limit use of pesticides, herbicides & toxic chemicals.
8. Clean up a beach, park or trail.
9. Learn more about orcas and the ocean environment.
10. Give orcas and other wildlife enough space. Watch them with respect.
11. Find your special, favorite place in nature. Get to know it well. Visit often. Take care of it.
12. Design a T-shirt with art and a message about Granny's clan.
13. Make a Help Wanted poster to help Granny's clan.
14. Protect endangered species and preserve critical habitat.
15. Share what you learn about orcas with your family, friends, school and community.
16. Support organizations that help us learn about and protect orcas. (see Resources)
17. Hold an Orca Fair at school to teach other kids about orcas. Include demonstrations, activities, art and projects.