

## Marine Mammals – California Sea Lion Haulouts

### description

California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) are one of two species of sea lions found in the BC Marine Conservation Analysis (BCMCA) study area. Often found together with Steller sea lions, they are darker brown or black and slightly smaller with adult males about 22.5 metres long and weighing between 200 and 400 kilograms. They also have a large bump extending from their forehead and vocalizations sound like barks. In British Columbia, populations (a group from one species that interbreed and live in the same place at the same time) are found at haulouts (sites on land where these animals rest and congregate consistently) on the west coast of Vancouver Island between September and May. These populations consist only of adult and sub-adult males as the females and juveniles remain in California and Mexico after the breeding season.

California sea lions feed mainly on schooling fish including herring, hake, pollock and dogfish. Salmon, squid and octopus are also consumed, but play a lesser role in their diet. In turn they are prey for transient killer whales. Like other pinnipeds, they require terrestrial and marine habitat. They may live 20-30 years.

Data illustrated in this map represent known haulout locations for California sea lions. These points have been buffered by one kilometre for illustrative purposes.



PHOTO: WALTIN

### data sources

- Province of British Columbia – California Sea Lion Haulouts
- Wendy Szaniszlo – California Sea Lion Haulouts

### data resolution

- Some point locations were determined based on geographic names from the British Columbia Gazetted Names database. Resolution is unknown for the provincial data points.

### date collected

- Province of British Columbia – 1996 (date dataset was last updated)
- Wendy Szaniszlo – 2000s

### date compiled

- 2010

### reviewers

- Not reviewed.

### reviewer comments

- None provided.

### caveats of use

- Recommended date of expiry for use of these data in a marine planning context: None

### map, feature data and metadata access

- Visit [www.bcmca.ca/data](http://www.bcmca.ca/data) for more information.

**BCMCA Atlas**  
**Marine Mammals**  
**California Sea Lion Haulouts**

**Legend**

 Haulouts

Note:  
 - Haulouts buffered by 1 kilometre for illustration purposes.

**Data Sources:**  
 Province of British Columbia,  
 Wendy Szaniszlo

**Base Data:**  
 ESRI Base Data, GeoBase, GeoBC,  
 NOAA, Natural Resources Canada,  
 USGS, Washington State Government

**Thematic Data:**  
 For more information on data sources  
 and methods please refer to the  
 facing page to this map

**Projection:** BC Albers NAD83

0 25 50 75 100 125 150

Kilometres

0 25 50 75

Nautical Miles

1:4,250,000 \*

\* Written scales are approximate and  
 are based on a 11 x 17 inch paper size.

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