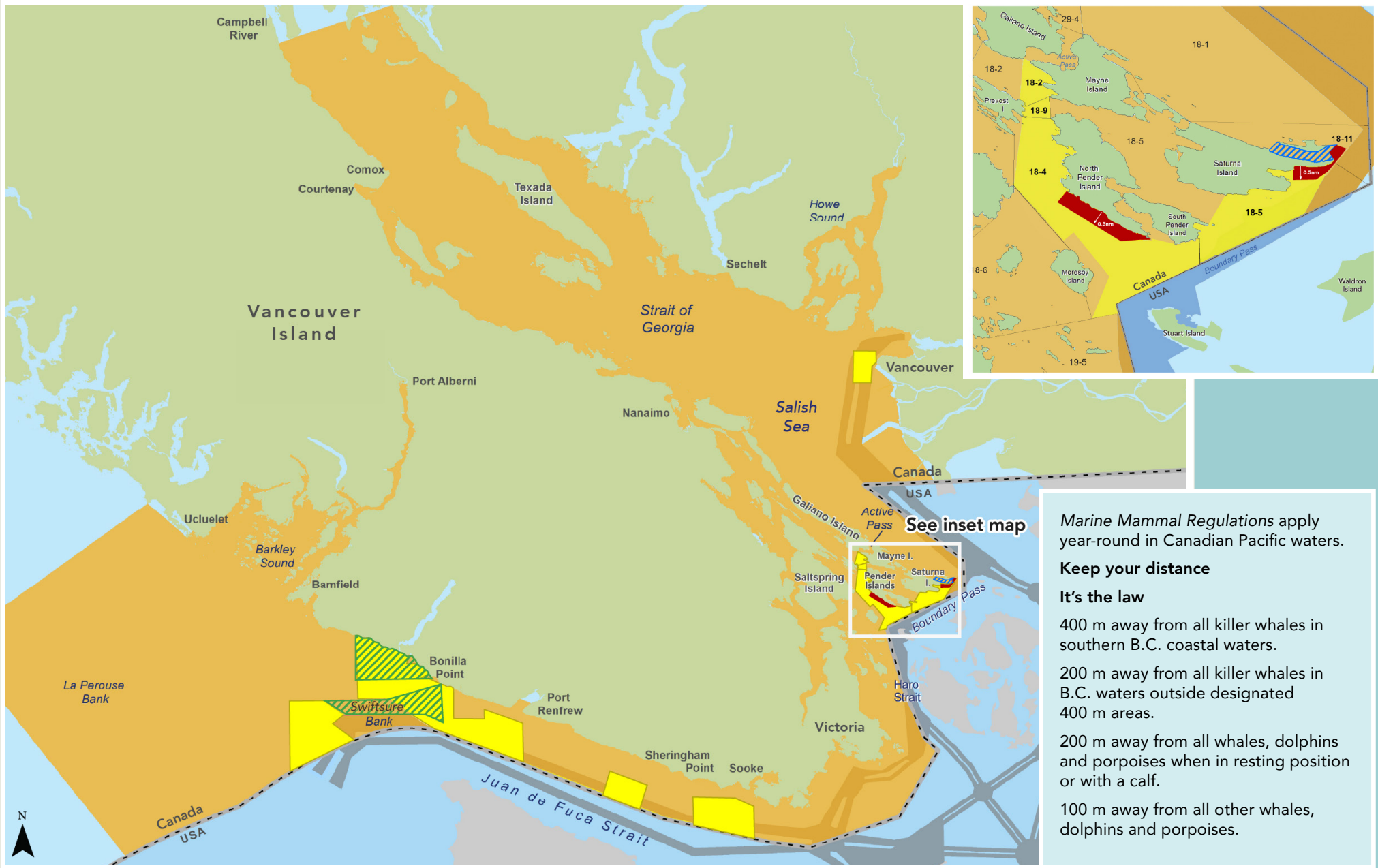


# Boating around killer whales – 2025

## Map of south coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia



Report any violations or incidents, involving marine mammals (such as injuries, entanglements or dead animals) that you observe to Fisheries and Oceans Canada's 24/7 Observe, Record, Report line:

📞 **1-800-465-4336**

✉️ **[DFO.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:DFO.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)**

**Stay 400 m away from killer whales and do not position a vessel in the path of killer whales** in all southern B.C. coastal waters between Campbell River and just north of Ucluelet.

In effect until May 31, 2026.

Vessels with a purple authorized vessel flag are allowed to be closer to non-Southern Resident killer whales. **Do not follow them.**

To stay up to date on the 2025 measures, visit:



Be Whale Wise:



### Voluntary Speed Reduction Zone from June 1 to November 30.

Vessels are encouraged to slow down to 10 knots in this area when safe to do so.

### Two mandatory Speed Restricted Zones from June 1 to November 30.

Vessels must not go more than 10 knots in these areas, with some exceptions.

For a list of exceptions, please visit the 2025 [management measures webpage](#) or via the QR code above.

### Do not enter Vessel Restricted Zones from June 1 to November 30. No boating. No fishing.

Human-powered vessels (kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards etc.) may use a 20 m transit corridor along the shoreline.

For a list of exceptions, please visit the 2025 [management measures webpage](#) or via the QR code above.

### No recreational or commercial salmon fishing in area-based fishery closures:

- Swiftsure Bank – in effect July 15 to October 31.
- Juan de Fuca Strait – in effect August 1 to October 31.
- Gulf Islands – in effect following the first confirmed presence of Southern Resident killer whales until November 30. Monitoring for confirmed presence of Southern Resident killer whales begins May 1.
- Mouth of the Fraser River – in effect from August 1 to September 30.

### Be Whale Wise

- Stop fishing (do not haul gear) when within 1,000 m of killer whales.
- Reduce speed to less than 7 knots when within 1,000 m of the nearest marine mammal.
- When safe to do so, turn off fish finders and echo sounders.
- If you are too close, place engine in neutral idle and allow animals to pass.

### Shipping lanes



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