Geography 491 A01
Advanced Topics in Geography
Ecology and Politics of the Killer Whale

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Course Content

This course will focus on two key aspects of a single animal species, the killer whale (Orcinus orca). It is one of the most closely watched species of cetacean, but for some populations virtually unknown. Thus, it inhabits a variety of ecological spaces, and political spaces (meaning interaction with humanity. During this course we will examine both areas, and then examine how these two spheres interact. Thus the evolutionary history, taxonomy, basic biology, ecology, and behavior will be linked to the conservation, economics, management, threats, and ethics in the human dimension. Students should have background in some of these areas, although theh theh theh theh theh theh