

**VANCOUVER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
MARINE BIOLOGY SECTION**

*"Marine Beauties and Beasts" Series*



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**Pacific Wildlife Foundation**

## **Why Do Humpback Whales Sing?**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, November 9, 2006**

**Vancouver Museum**

**1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver**

Male humpback whales sing loud complex sounds during the breeding season. This song gradually changes as it is being sung, yet all the singers in a population sing essentially the same version at any one time. Why? Researchers have been trying to answer this question since the 1970s. Their progress is the topic of this presentation. Since the 1970s Jim's primary studies have investigated abundance, behaviour and ecology of gray whales off Vancouver Island, and abundance, migrations and social behaviour of humpback whales in the North Pacific, especially Hawaii, Ogasawara in Japan and more recently off Gabon, in central Africa. If you enjoy whale songs, this is the place to be!!

**Marine Biology Section evening programs are held from January through April and September through December, on the second Thursday of the month. Programs are free, open to the public, and members are encouraged to invite their friends. For more information and suggestions for future programs, contact Sheila at [scbyers@telus.net](mailto:scbyers@telus.net). VNHS events website - [www.naturalhistory.bc.ca/VNHS](http://www.naturalhistory.bc.ca/VNHS).**