



Explore the Hidden World of Humpback Whales With These **DISTINGUISHED WHALE EXPERTS**

Fred Sharpe, Ph.D. (Simon Fraser University) has been investigating the behavior of humpback whales for more than a quarter century. He specializes on the bubble-netting of Alaskan humpbacks which hunt in large

teams that exhibit enduring social bonds, task specialization and communal tool use. He has been awarded the Fairfield Award for Innovative Marine Mammal Research and the Society for Marine Mammalogy's Award for Excellence in Scientific Communication. Fred is also a naturalist in the classical tradition: he is co-author and illustrator of *Wild Plants of the San Juan Islands*, *Birding in the San Juan Islands* and *Voyaging with the Whales*.



Meagan Jones, Ph.D. has been leading whale research and education programs in Hawai'i for more than twenty years. Her commitment to bridging marine science with education programs around whales and their ocean environment helped lead to the founding of Whale Trust Maui, where she now serves as the executive director. Meagan has worked on cetacean research programs in Hawai'i, Australia, Africa, Alaska, Canada and in the South Pacific, while creating and developing marine education programs for school children, high school and college students, naturalists, and the general public. In 1997, Meagan received a national award from the National Marine Educator's Association for her work in marine education. Her research focuses on the natural behavior and commu-

nication of whales, especially as it relates to the reproductive strategies of male and female humpback whales. In addition to her work with Whale Trust Maui, Meagan works with the University of Hawaii Maui College to develop and teach upper division courses in marine biology and sustainable science.



Ed Lyman is currently the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary's Large Whale Entanglement Response Coordinator under NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. He works closely with NOAA Fisheries, and under the authority and supervision of their Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program. Ed has worked with NOAA and states agencies in addressing large whale entanglement threat for more than 20 years. He has participated in more than 80 disentanglement efforts and helped free more than 40 large whales. He and the Sanctuary coordinate a provide safe and authorized response to entangled large whales around the Hawaiian Islands. Response efforts, along with efforts to work with fishermen, have gained valuable information he hopes will help reduce entanglements. Ed graduated from the University of New Hampshire, where he received a Masters of Science studying semi-aquatic mammals and island biogeography.



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