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The disappearance of Puget Sound killer whales and the need for their protection will be the topic of a free evening address by field naturalist Russ Mohney at The Evergreen State College January 22.

Mohney, employed by Pacific Search Magazine, will begin his discussion at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall One. In addition to remarks about the killer whales, known as Orcas, Mohney will also discuss the status of other locally endangered animals in his talk sponsored by the Evergreen Speaker's Bureau.

Some 300 Orcas, which are actually big dolphins, are all that remain in waters between Puget Sound and Alaska. Since the 1964 capture of Namu, a male Orca, the killer whales have been continually hunted for live capture. They are sold to aquariums around the world for thousands of dollars and have become a large revenue source for aquariums.

The mortality rate for these captured creatures is high -- more than half of those held in aquariums have died, and estimates are that at least a third have died during capture operations.

A total of 269 Orcas have been captured, and the government of British Columbia has called a moratorium on further capture of the Orcas. Mohney will examine the reasons for the moratorium and raise the possibility of such an action being taken by the United States and/or Washington State.

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