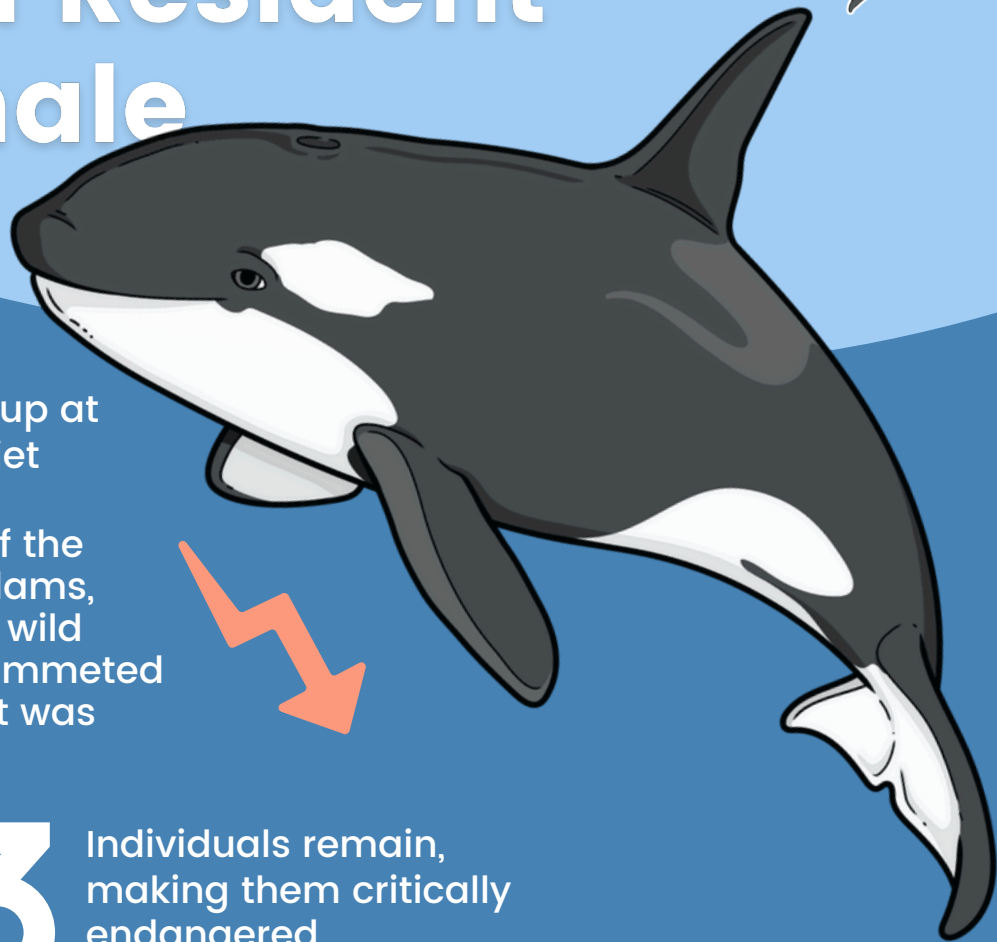


# Southern Resident Killer Whale



Chinook salmon makes up at least 80% of the SRKW diet

Since the construction of the four Lower Snake River dams, the number of returning wild Chinook salmon has plummeted to less than 7% of what it was before the dams



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Individuals remain, making them critically endangered

Between 1962 & 1977, an estimated 47 SRKWs were captured and sold to marine parks, with many dying during capture. Those kept in captivity had significantly shorter lifespans, living less than a third of their average life expectancy in the wild



The Southern Resident Killer Whales geographic range is from southeast Alaska to Monterey California

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Major threats



Lack of chinook salmon due to dams, hatchery influence, habitat degradation and overfishing



Pollution and toxins from oil spills and run-off from cities, industry and agriculture



Disturbance, collisions and noise pollution from vessels, dredging, drilling and military sonar