

## **Updates for the Fall 2017 Docent Handbook**

### **Section 2 of Handbook - Elephant Seals**

**What's Happening Yearly.** Changed "The Breeding Season" to read "The Birthing and Breeding Season" (T. Postiff)

**Piedras Blancas Population Charts.** Updated for this year's pup count by B. Hatfield. The pup multiplier for estimating seal population was changed to 4.4 as suggested by B. Goodger.

**Live Pup and Weaner Counts.** B. Hatfield's report on his pup count for this year added.

**Elephant Seal Vision.** Modified second paragraph. (T. Postiff & S. Beck)

**E-Seal Vocalizations.** Updated. (T. Postiff)

**Pinniped Evolution.** New document. (S. Beck & T. Postiff)

**Pinniped Adaptations.** Updated by T. Postiff.

**Tagging Elephant Seals.** Rewrite by T. Postiff.

**Frequently Asked Questions about E-Seals.** Several updates and metric measurements have been added. (T. Postiff & S. Beck)

**The Predators.** Updated about where sharks live in the ocean. (T. Postiff)

### **Section 3 of Handbook - Daily Operations**

**Research Materials Index.** Updated to list our more recent publications. (B. Sellers)

### **Section 4 of Handbook - On The Bluff**

**Fencing Referencing Numbers.** New document added. (P. Tatton)

### **Section 5 of Handbook - Mentoring & Scheduling**

**Mentoring Program Description.** Updated. (P. Tatton)

### **Section 7 of Handbook - Whales, Dolphins & Porpoises**

**Introduction to Cetaceans.** Updated. (T. Postiff)

**Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises.** Updated and blue whale added. (B. Sellers & T. Postiff)

**Whale Watching Calendar.** New document. (T. Postiff)

### **Section 10 of Handbook - The Ocean Environment**

**Plastic Debris in the Ocean.** Updated. (S. Beck)