

May-26-16
6:30 am
Shark Reef.

Animal: Harbor seal

in group: 1-2

Tide: Going out

Observations: they are swimming in pairs but few are solo. They see us and are curious of us but they seem to have a certain goal that needs to be attained.

Inferences: considering they all seem to be going the same way it is entirely possible that they are going to a favorite haul out.

May-26-16
6:55am
Shark Reef.

Animals: Harbor seals

in group: 9-10

Tide: rapidly going out

Observations: At a favorite haul out it seems. Don't appear to be doing anything to productive.

They see us but don't really look like they care too much. Seem to be different than the ones we saw coming over.

Inferences: it seems to be that they are resting after a long day, though they will most likely move soon due to rising tide. They seem to have socially coordinated them selves by rank or size, seeing as the bigger ones are in towards the middle and the smaller out wards to the edge. They are most likely a year round residential group.

May-26-16
7:00am
Shark Reef

Animals: Steller sea lions

in group: 20+

Tide: going out

Observations: They are at a popular haul out with some on the rock and others in the water.

There seems to be a territorial battle taking place. The Steller sea lion haul out and the Harbor seal haul out are rather close i'd say that they seem a couple 100 yards from each other maybe half a mile.

Inferences: I'm going to assume that this group is mostly made up of males. They all seem to be fully grown if not younger. They are probably a group just staying for the season.