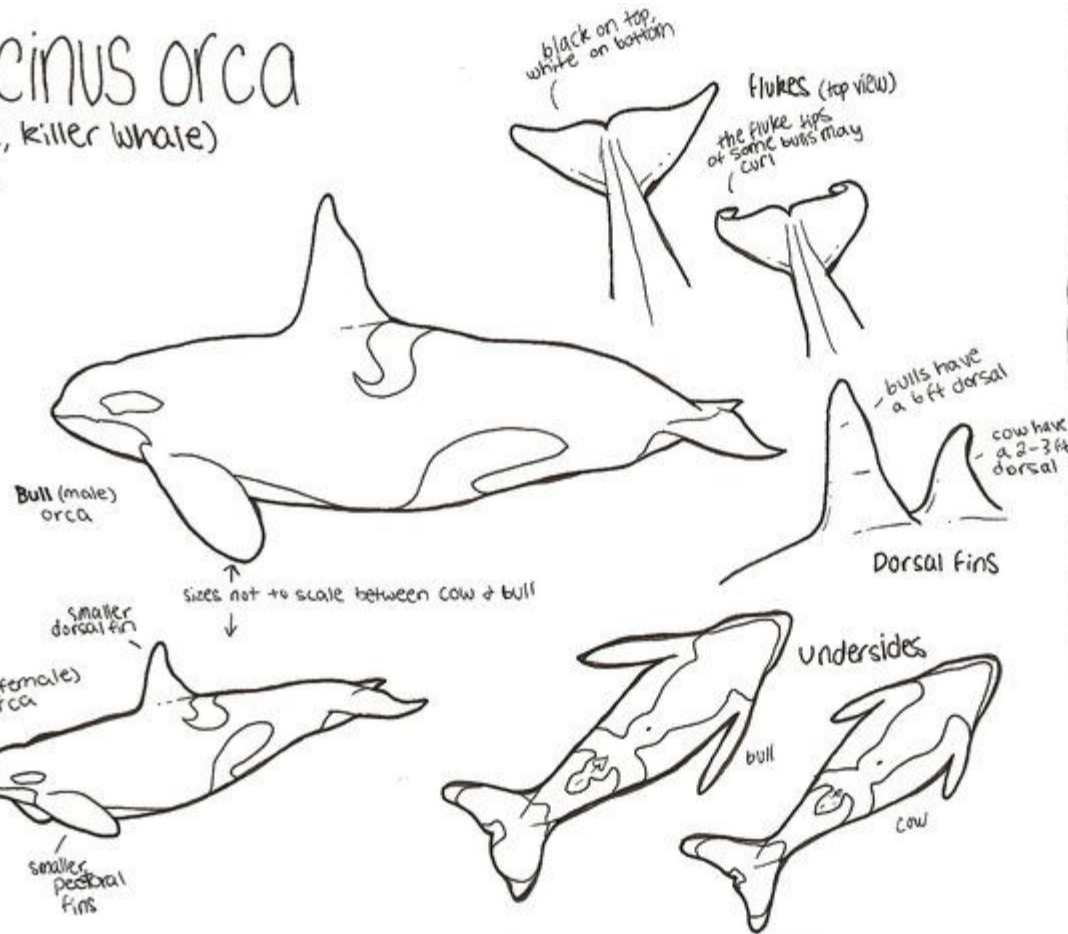


ORCINUS ORCA (orca, killer whale)

Hammill
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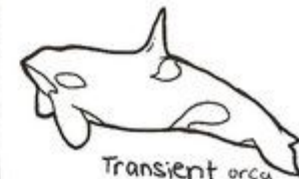


Northeast Pacific Forms of Orca



Resident orca

fish eaters + usually have more curved dorsal fin tip. live in larger pods than transients



Transient orca

mammal eaters + usually have more pointed dorsal fin tip. live in small pods.

ALSO:
there are offshore orcas, which look similar to residents. little is known about offshore orcas. however, they live in huge pods.

ANTARCTIC FORMS OF ORCA:



Type A orca
more like the worldwide form of orca, medium-sized eyepatch + no cape extending from saddle



Type B orca
large eyepatch + slight cape extending from saddle



Type C orca
small wispy eyepatch + bold cape extending from saddle

eyepatch comparisons

