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Dear Reader, Subscriber, and Sponsor:

This year brings exciting new updates to *Aquatic Mammals*—both in print and online! I present the updates in an annotated list for ease of reference and review:

Expansion from 4 Issues Annually to 6!

In 2005, the *Aquatic Mammals* journal expanded from three issues per year to four. Over the last three years, we realized a 60% increase in submitted manuscripts in each year(!) and also encountered a backlog of accepted manuscripts for publication. In order to reduce the backlog and get material out to our subscribers and readers more quickly, we decided to add two issues per year to the journal.

With volume 43 (2017), we will shift to the following publication schedule:

Issue 1 – January 15	Issue 4 – July 15
Issue 2 – March 15	Issue 5 – September 15
Issue 3 – May 15	Issue 6 – November 15

This means we will send notices to subscribers and to listservs six times a year in association with each issue's publication. The online version of each issue will be available on the dates listed above. We will continue to print double issues but will expand to three double issues per year—in March, July, and November. Thus, print subscribers will continue to receive hard copies of the journal with every other issue published.

Revitalized Website!

January 2017 also marks the launch of the *Aquatic Mammals* journal's revised and revitalized website! The home page will have readily visible details about the most current, recent issue. Our website has been revised with the goal of easy access by all of our supporters! As a reminder, our website address is www.aquaticmammalsjournal.org. All pages will be updated, and there will be links to the journal's newest social media outlets (Facebook and Twitter). Follow us @*AquaticMammals.J* on Twitter and at *Aquatic Mammals Journal* on Facebook. We hope these online outlets will help us reach even broader audiences and help promote the research published in *Aquatic Mammals*.

Historical Perspectives Interviewee Clips Available for Viewing Online for Subscribers!

In addition to our new and improved website, we spent much of 2016 uploading all clips from our Historical Perspectives (HP) interviewees to the HP page on the journal's website. We are proud to be entering Year 9 of the HP series! We have interviews with at least 80 colleagues who have spent their careers involved with aquatic mammals in some fashion (e.g., science, research, husbandry, veterinary care, education, filmmaking, facility oversight, and more). The HP DVDs are still available for purchase, but you can also now select any individual person and view their many responses. The HP videos are available only to subscribers and only when you are signed into the website. There will be a menu on the left side of the HP web page. Individuals are listed according to the year in which they were interviewed. All interview sequences for each contributor are listed under that person's name. Take a peek, watch one, or watch several! They range from a few minutes in length to almost 30 minutes!

Author and Subject/Key Word Indices for ALL Issues since 1972!

In honor of our more than 40 years in publication, we have compiled author and subject/key word indices for our readers. These indices are available for free download from our website.

The first index represents Volumes 1 through 15 and includes an author and subject index. Dr. Victor Manton, *Aquatic Mammals*' second managing editor, put together this first index. As such, the index is a scanned copy of Dr. Manton's document.

The second index is split into two parts, Volumes 16-30 and Volumes 31-40, and includes an author index for articles published in those volumes. We include all co-authors in the author index as well. Check out the legend at the start of each index for details about the contents.

The journal began requesting key words for articles in 1990. As such, the third index includes both author and subject (key word) lists for Volume 16, Issue 3, through Volume 40, Issue 4. We began drafting the index files for Volumes 16 through 40 a couple of years ago. Now that we have a method, we will provide author and subject indices for each volume (or two) more regularly.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in the *Aquatic Mammals* journal! We look forward to receiving feedback from you and to receiving your manuscripts for publication consideration (<http://am.expressacademic.org/login.php>).

Cheers,

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