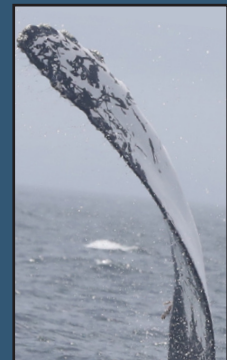
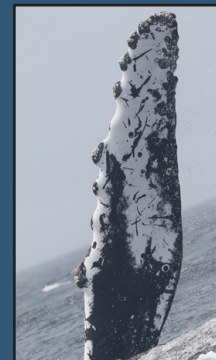
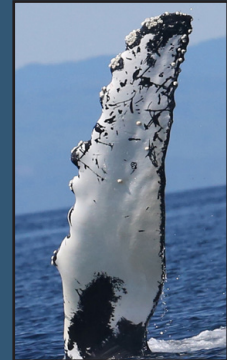
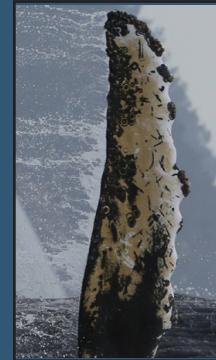


Whale Profile: Split Fluke (BCX1068)



Gender: Female

Born: 2006

Mother: Heather (BCY0160)

Offspring: Valiant (2017), Half-pipe (2019 - deceased), and Cerulean (2021)

Nickname origin: she has a large chunk missing from her left fluke

Split Fluke was born in 2006 to Heather (BCY0160). Her namesake split in the fluke was present when she was just a calf, and is possibly the result of a predation attempt by Killer Whales, as Split Fluke also has rake marks on her tail, which are the scars left from Killer Whale teeth. This means that as Split Fluke and her mother Heather were migrating northward from their breeding grounds, they were ambushed by Killer Whales, and Heather managed to ward them off, keeping her calf Split Fluke safe. This same type of incident occurred when Split Fluke had her first offspring Valiant, as Valiant also has deep rake marks and notches in his fluke indicative of Killer Whale predation.

Split Fluke is one of the most commonly encountered Salish Sea Humpbacks, and is known to inhabit the entire range of the Salish Sea and into North Eastern Vancouver Island, as she has been encountered as far west as Port Renfrew and northward into Campbell River.