



**Dolphins of the Bahamas: “In their world - on their terms”
A Pacific Biodiversity Institute Lecture**

Dr. Cindy Elliser, marine biologist with Pacific Biodiversity Institute (PBI), will depict the lives of **spotted and bottlenose dolphins in the Bahamas**, at 7:00 PM, Friday, March 7, at the Anacortes Library. Dr. Elliser spent over 10 years studying a population of wild dolphins and is now a marine biologist working on the **Harbor Porpoise Project with PBI**. She worked as a research assistant for the **Wild Dolphin Project**, based in Jupiter, Florida, which has collected over 20 years of data on the behavior of this interesting species. How do dolphins communicate? How do we tell them apart? What are their lives like? This long-term study has answered many of these questions and more. Learn about the individual dolphins the researchers have seen grow up and how their complex society resembles our own! **Cindy will also talk about the new work she is beginning with harbor porpoises in the Salish Sea with Pacific Biodiversity Institute.**

Dr. Elliser received her **Ph.D. in integrative biology** from Florida Atlantic University in 2010. She moved to Anacortes in December, 2013, with her husband, Steve, and 17-month-old son, Benjamin.

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