Module 3 Lab

## Instructions

Follow instructions on the Module 3 Lab page on Canvas. Then, answer the questions below.

## Questions

Compose a 1-page (1.5 line spacing, 12 pt font) letter to a news source of your choice. Spend roughly half of your letter explaining the role of orca whales in the community of organisms that inhabit Puget Sound. (I’m looking to see what you’ve learned about community ecology in this part of the letter).

Spend the last half of your letter identifying which one solution you think we, the governor and/or the region needs to focus on regarding the recovery of the orca population. You can choose from one of the Orca Task Force's recommendations (listed on our What to do Module 3 page) or a different aspect of orca conservation. Many scientists don’t believe the conservations efforts go far enough. I highly recommend strengthening and supporting your argument by utilizing one or more of the following resources:

* [Crosscut: The Orca Task Force finally has a plan. Will it work?](https://crosscut.com/2018/11/orca-task-force-finally-has-plan-will-it-work) (Criticizing the Orca Task Force for not going far enough)
* [Center for Whale Research: Restoring salmon runs, not politics, will save southern resident killer whales](https://www.whaleresearch.com/post/2019/07/17/restoring-salmon-runs-not-politics-will-save-southern-resident-killer-whales) (More criticism!)
* [Southern Resident Task Force Report and Recommendations](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/OrcaTaskForce_reportandrecommendations_11.16.18.pdf)
* [NOAA Report: 10 Years of Research and Conservation](https://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/news/features/killer_whale_report/pdfs/bigreport62514.pdf)

Make sure to utilize quotes, facts and concepts rather than opinion alone. Include your sources at the end of your letter.