

Southern Resident Orcas . Matriline Catalogue . November 2009





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About the Center for Whale Research:

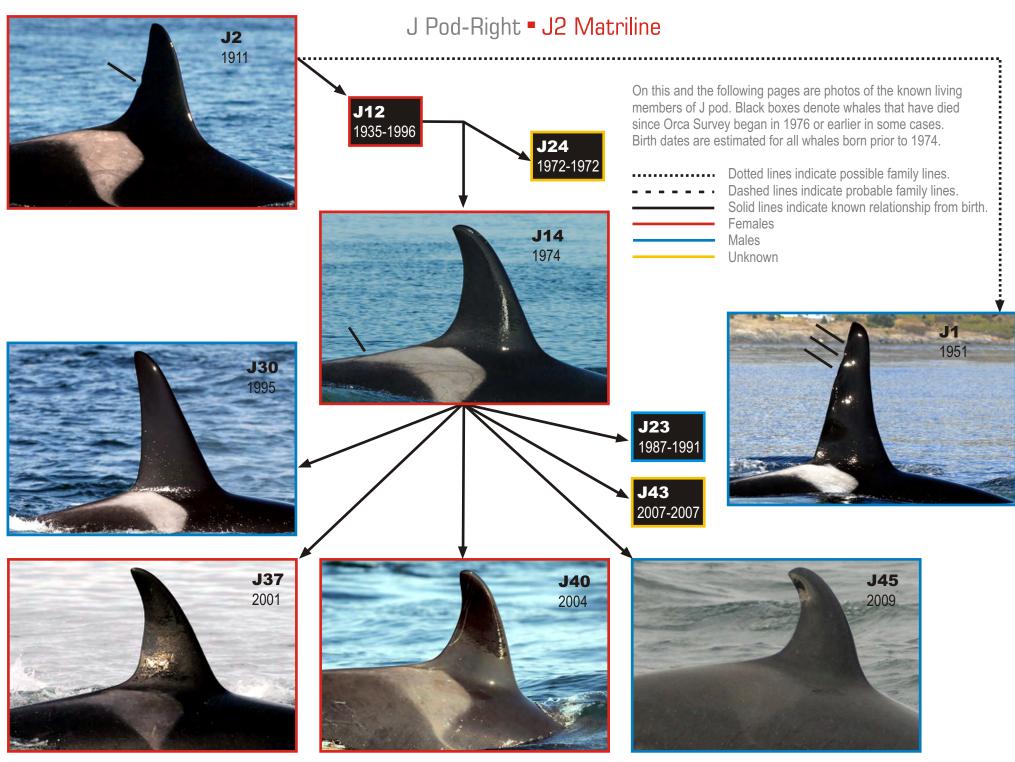
The Center for Whale Research was initiated by Ken Balcomb in 1976 to determine the size of the population of Southern Resident Orcas.

For more than three decades, the Center for Whale Research has been conducting annual photo-identification studies of the Southern Resident Orca populations that frequent the inland waters of Washington State and lower BC.

This detailed understanding of population status and trends has supported management decisions in both Canada and the United States. Most recently, data derived from CWR's long-term studies have been used to support listing decisions in the U.S. under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, and in Canada under the Species at Risk Act, with Southern Resident Orcas now listed as Endangered in both countries.

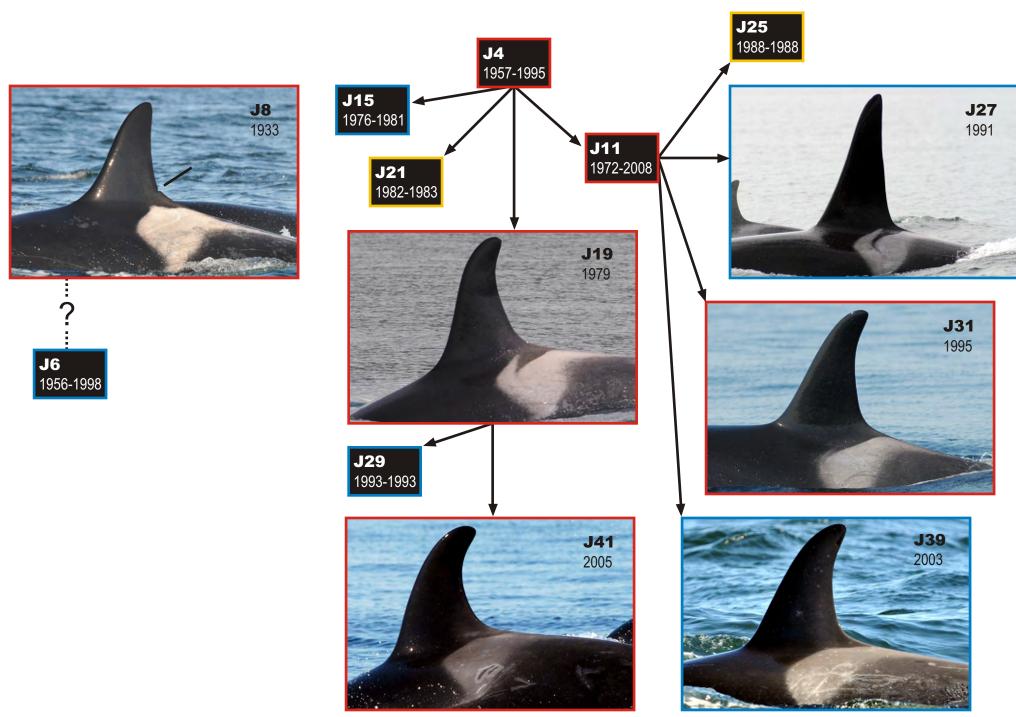
J Pod-Left J2 Matriline **J2** 1911 On this and the following pages are photos of the known living members of J pod. Black boxes denote whales that have died J12 since Orca Survey began in 1976 or earlier in some cases. 1935-1996 Birth dates are estimated for all whales born prior to 1974. **J24** Dotted lines indicate possible family lines. 1972-1972 Dashed lines indicate probable family lines. Solid lines indicate known relationship from birth. Females J14 Males 1974 Unknown **J1** 1951 **J30** 1995 **J23** 1987-1991 **J43** 2007-2007 **J37 J45** J40 2001 2009 2004

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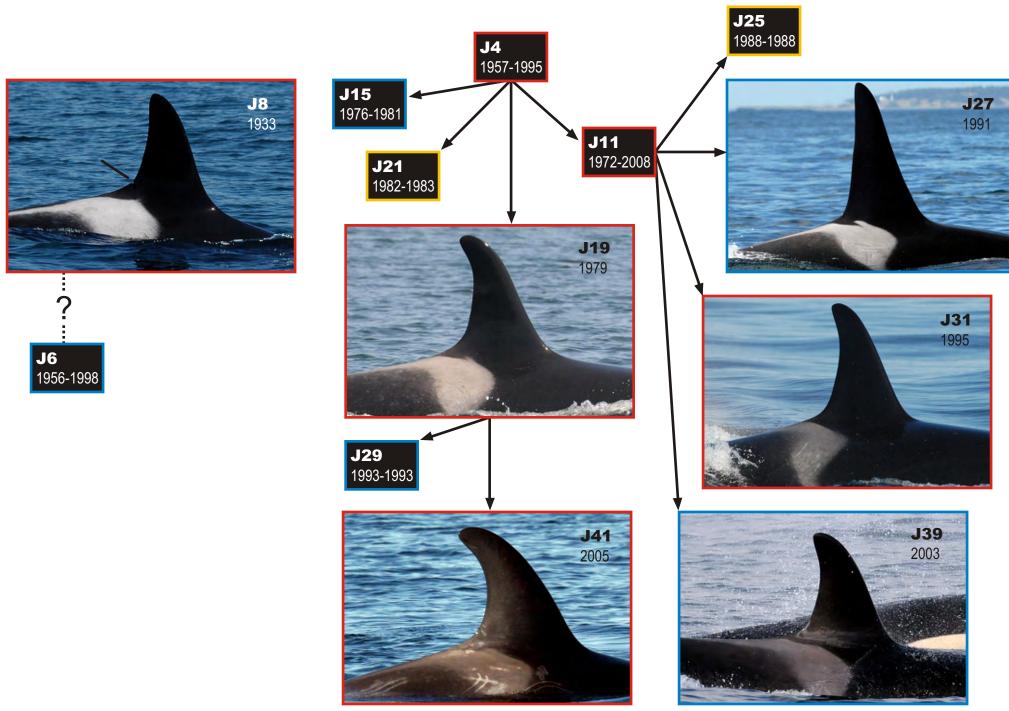


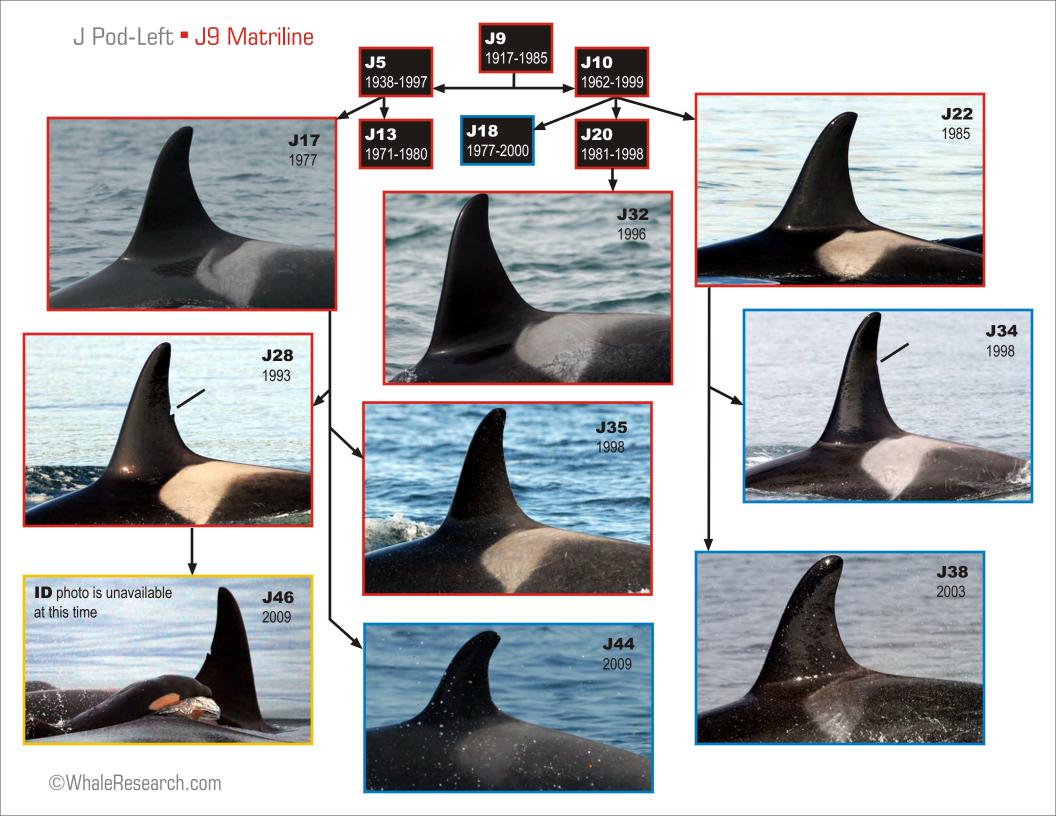
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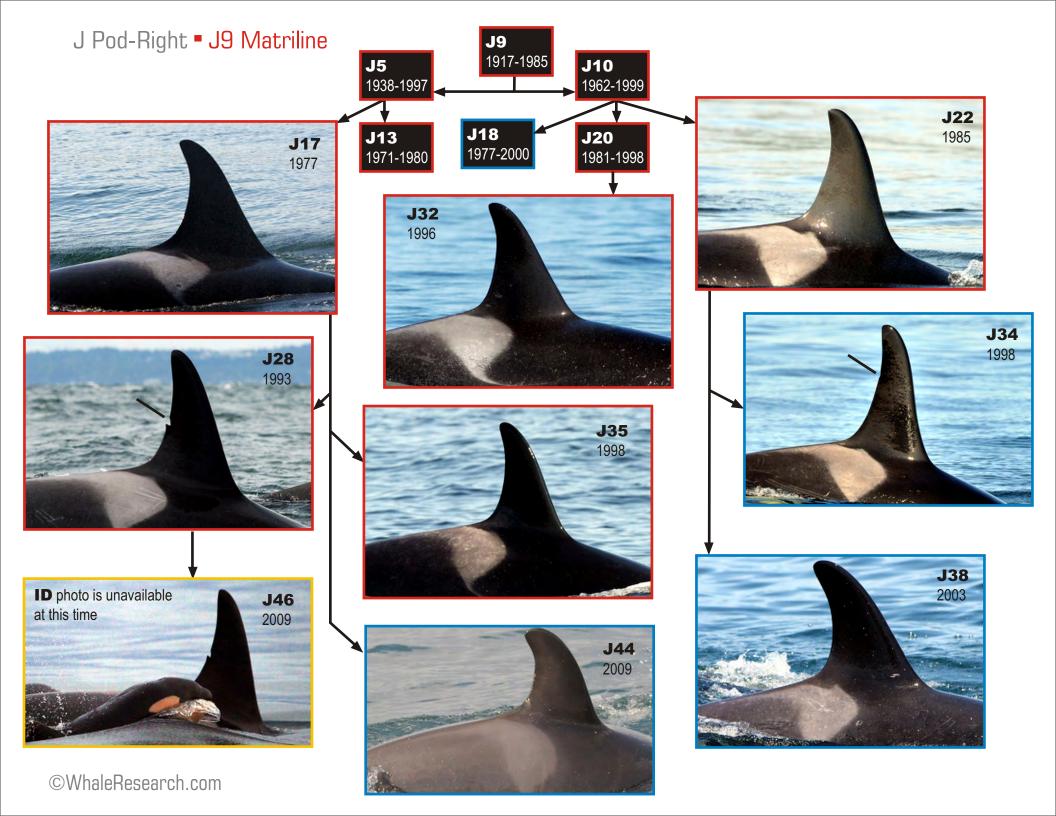
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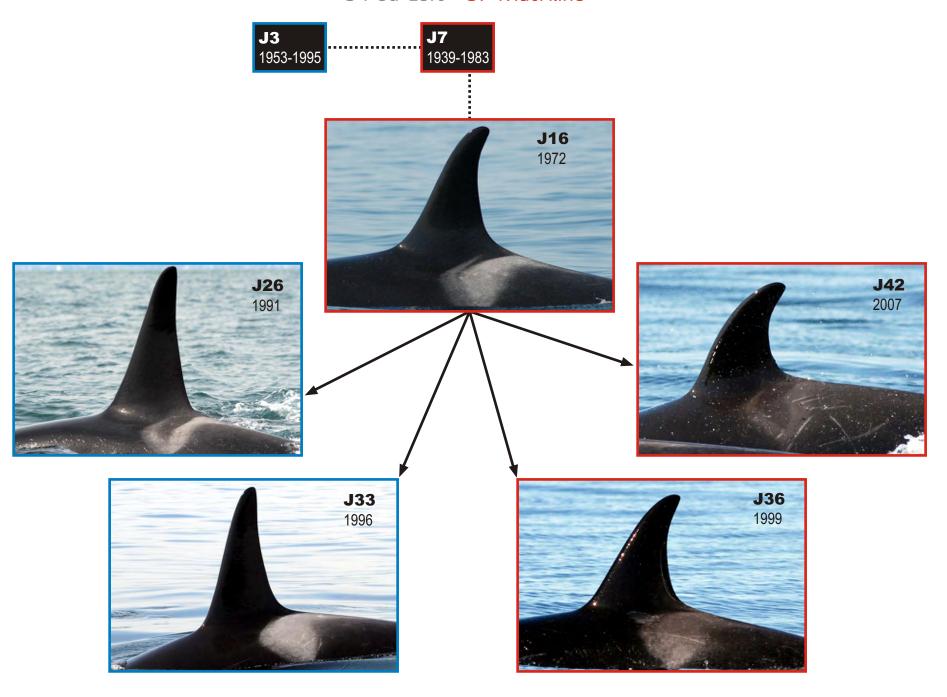
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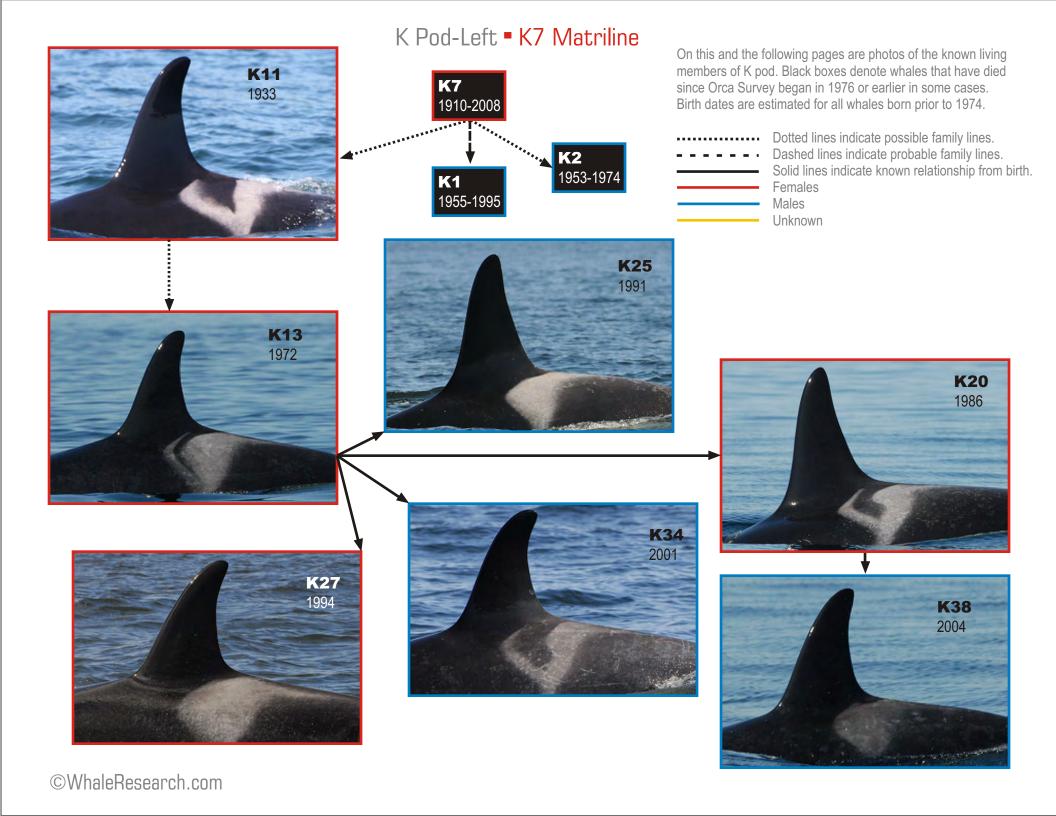


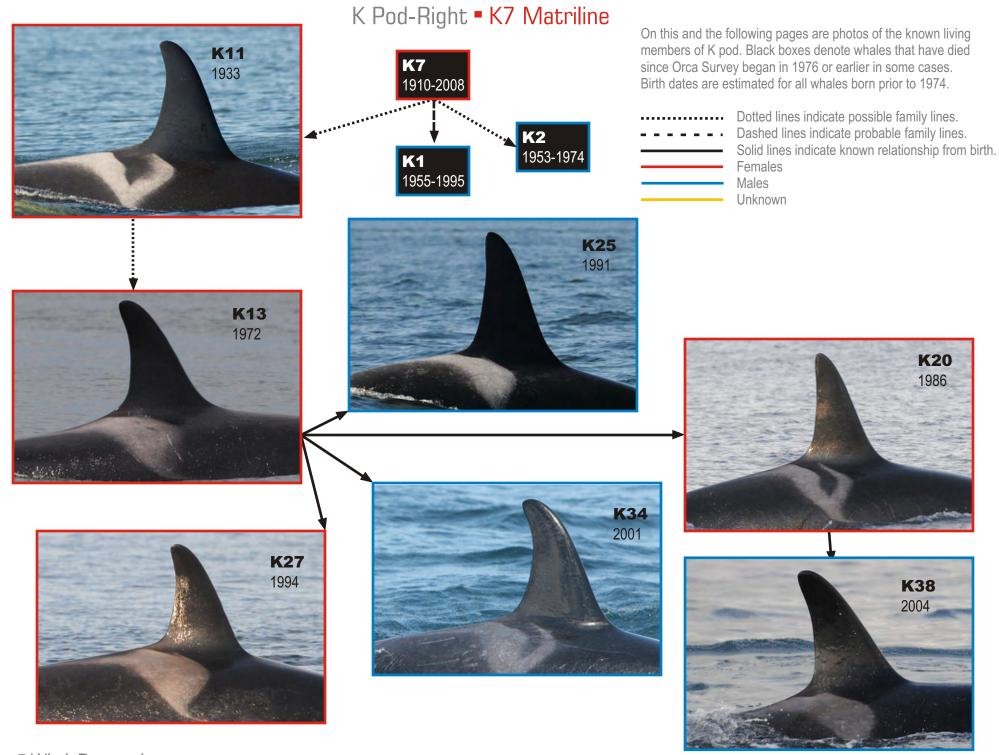


J Pod-Left **J7** Matriline



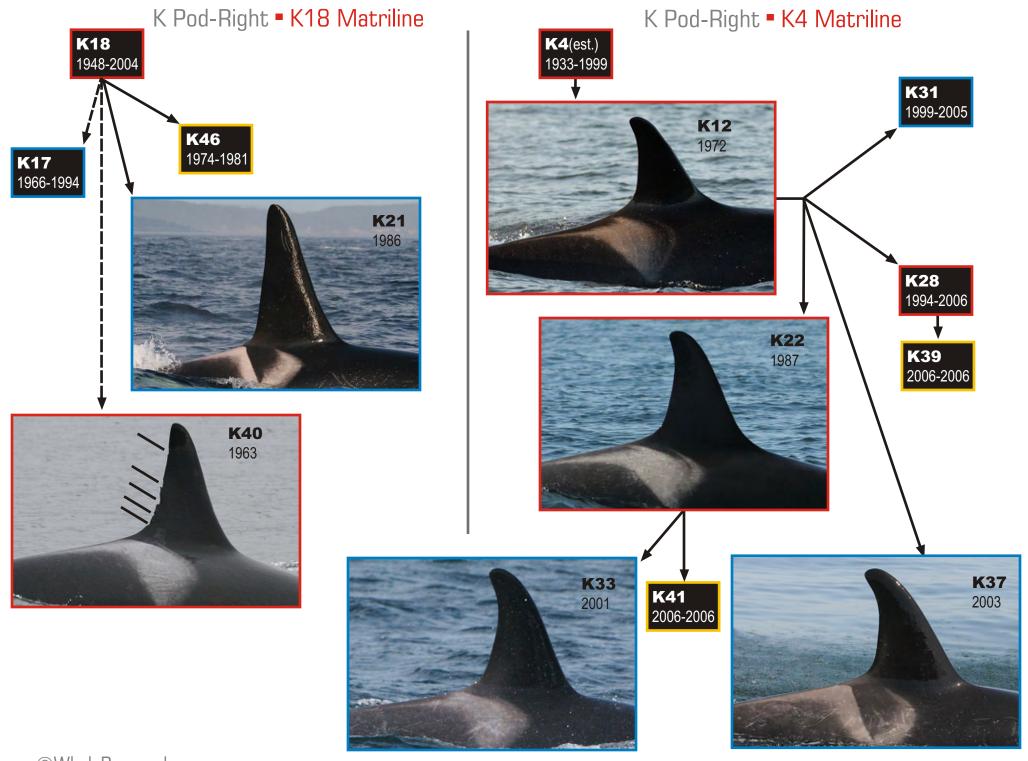
J Pod-Right • J7 Matriline **J3** 1953-1995 **J7** 1939-1983 **J16** 1972 **J42** 2007 **J26** 1991 **J33** 1996 **J36** 1999

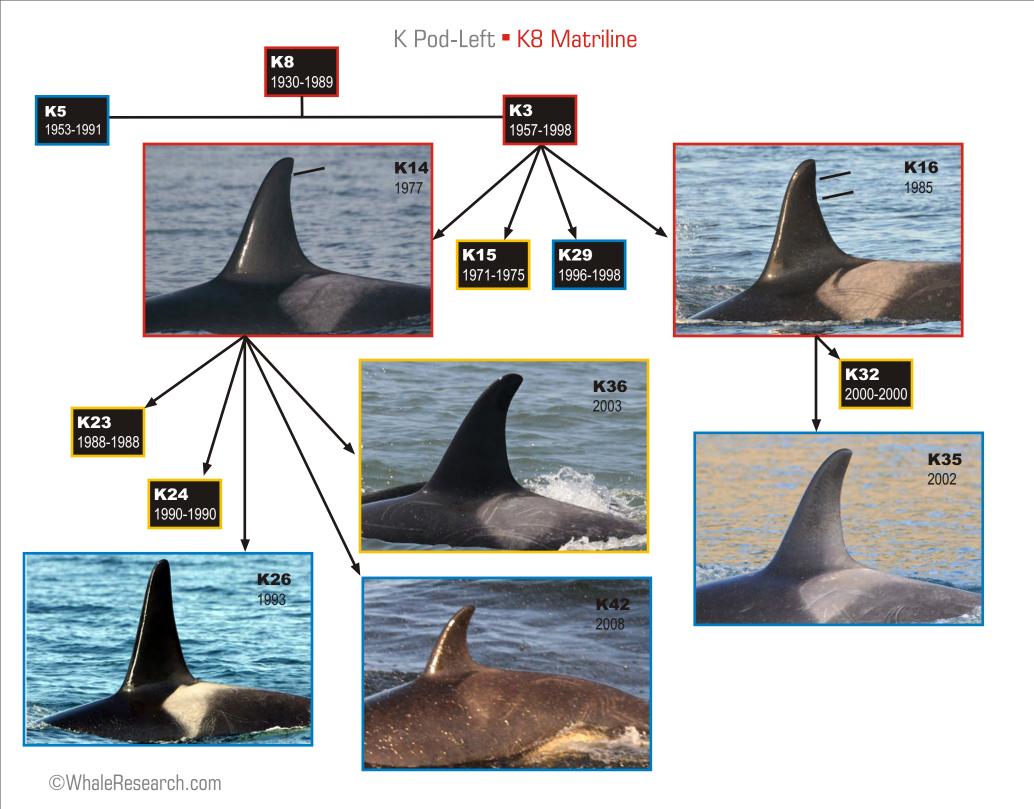


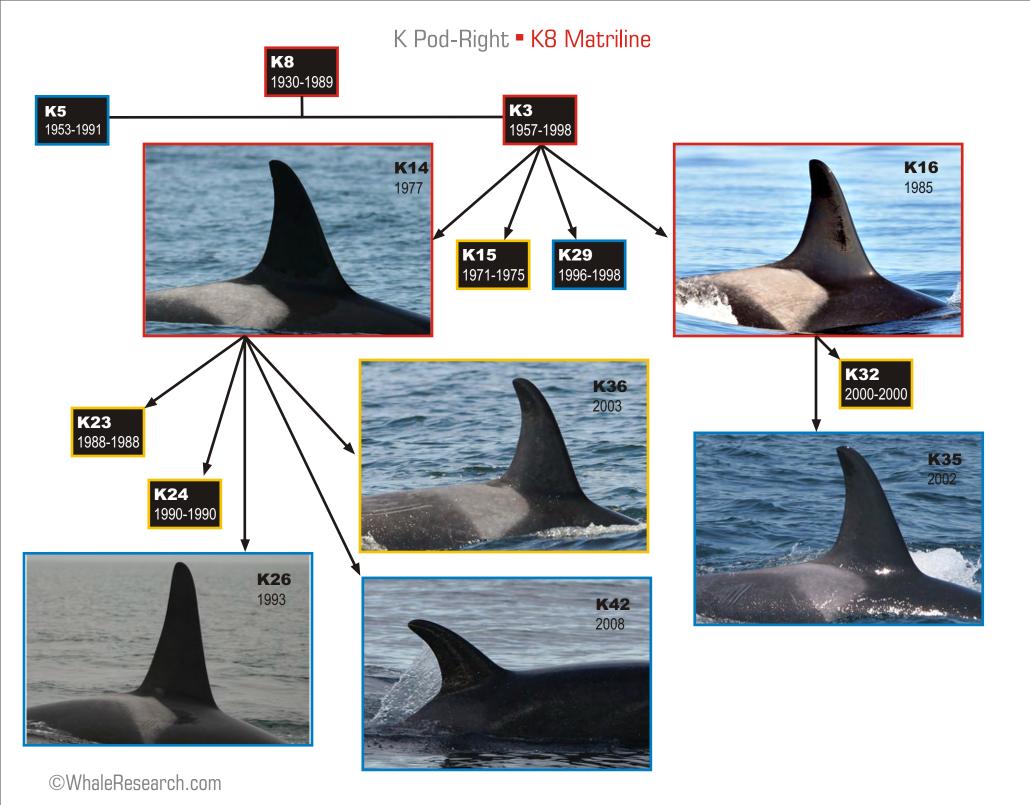


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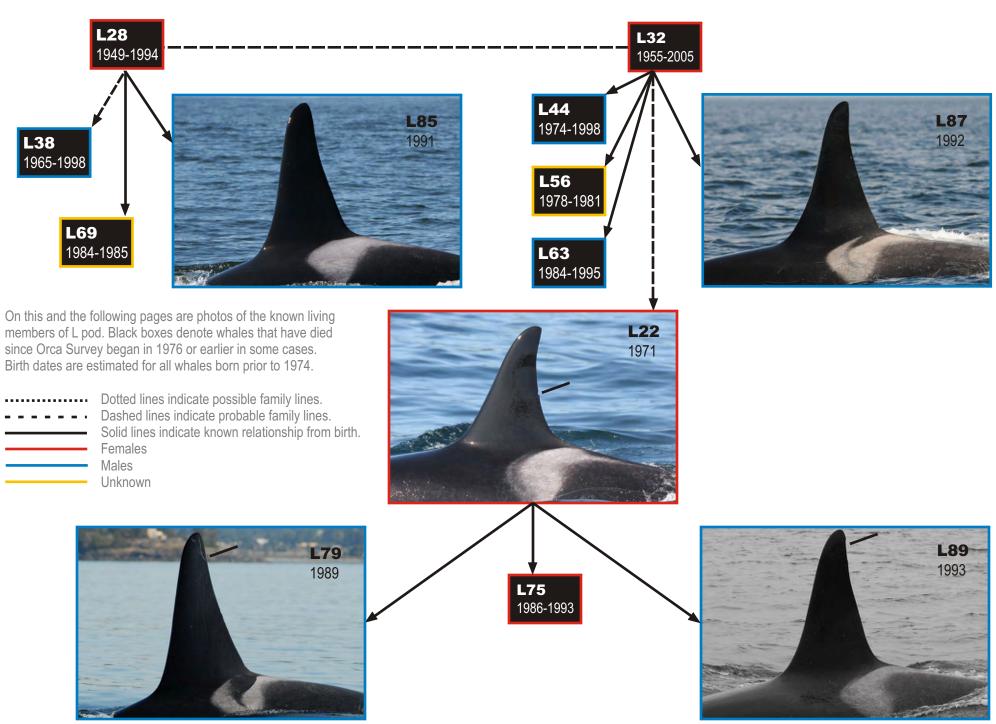






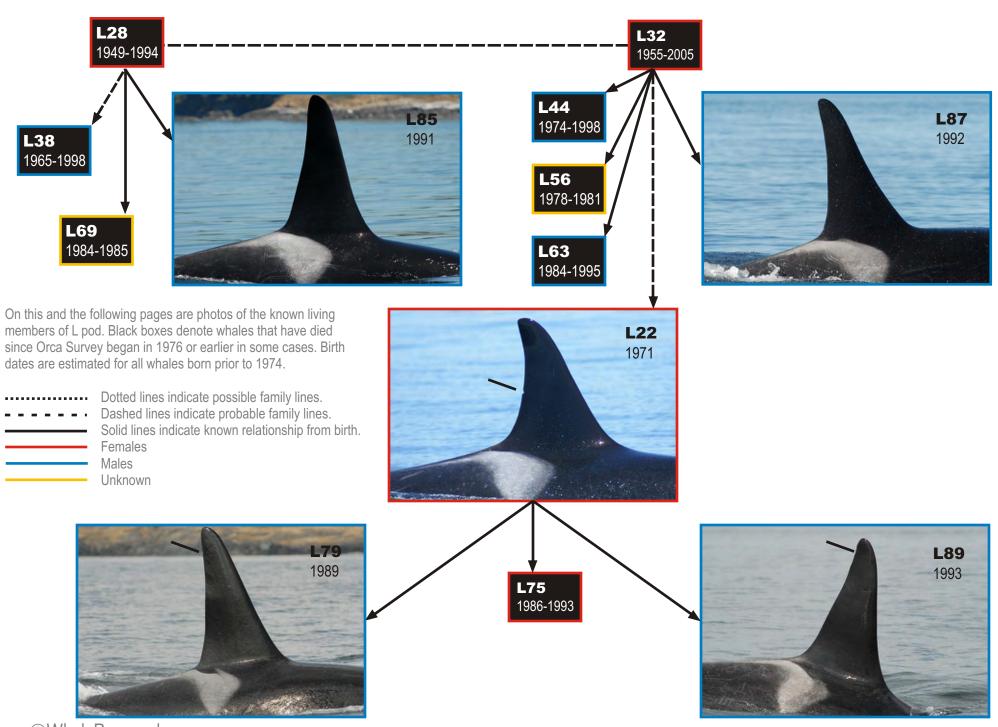


L Pod-Left • L28 & L32 Matrilines



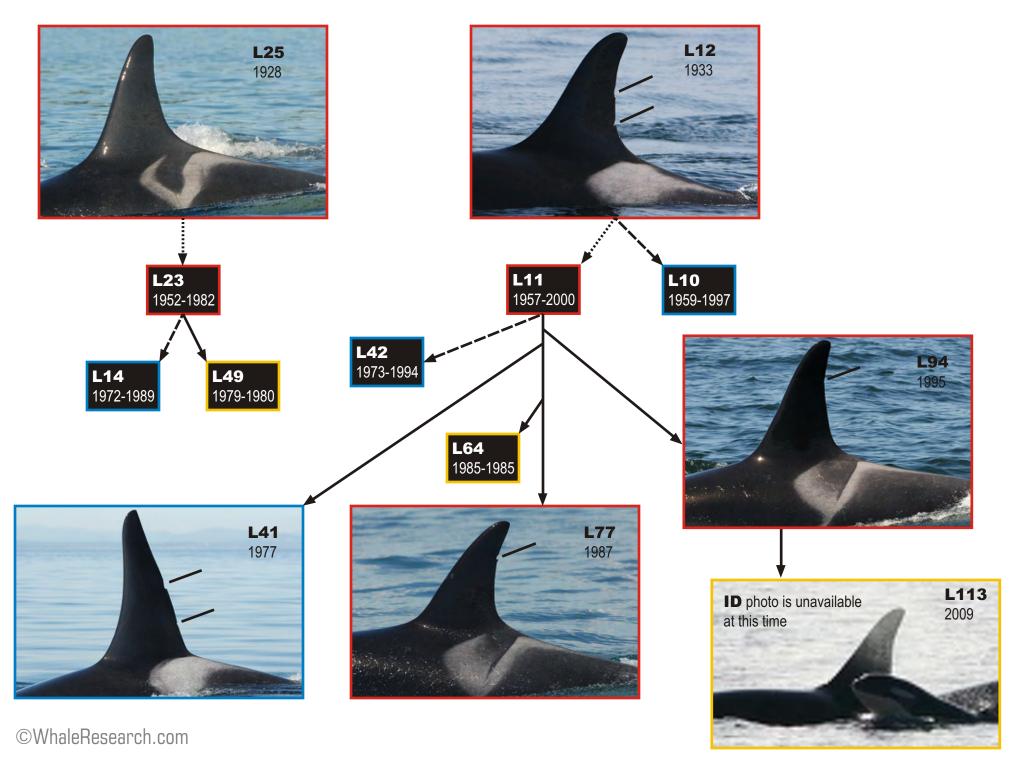
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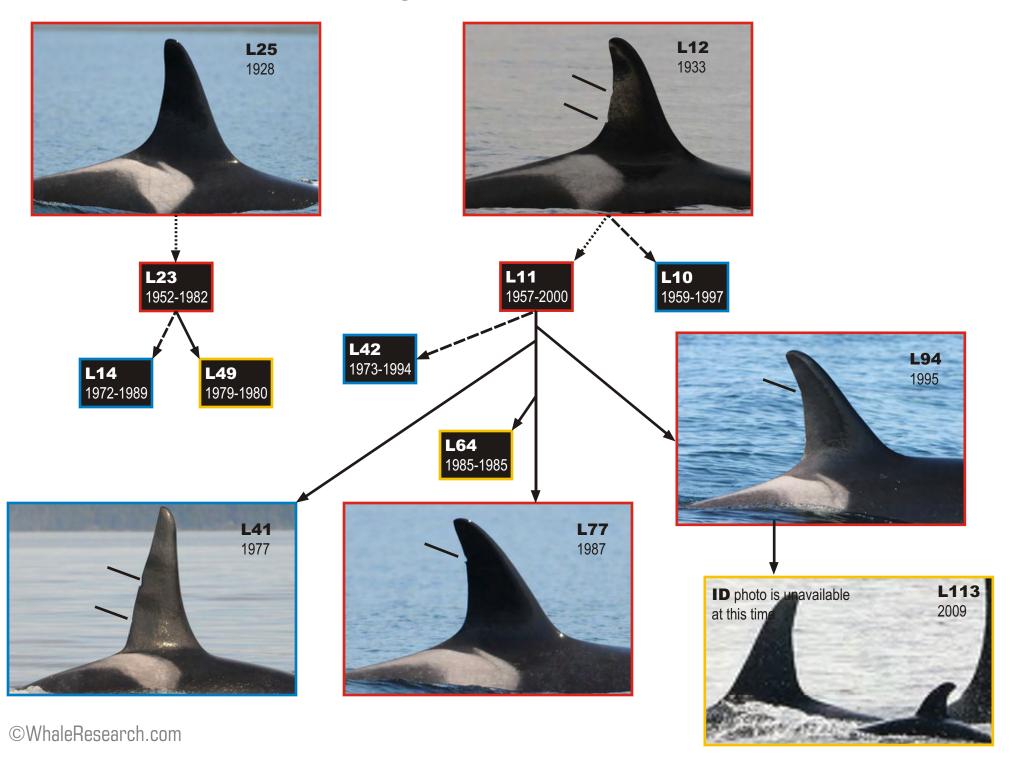


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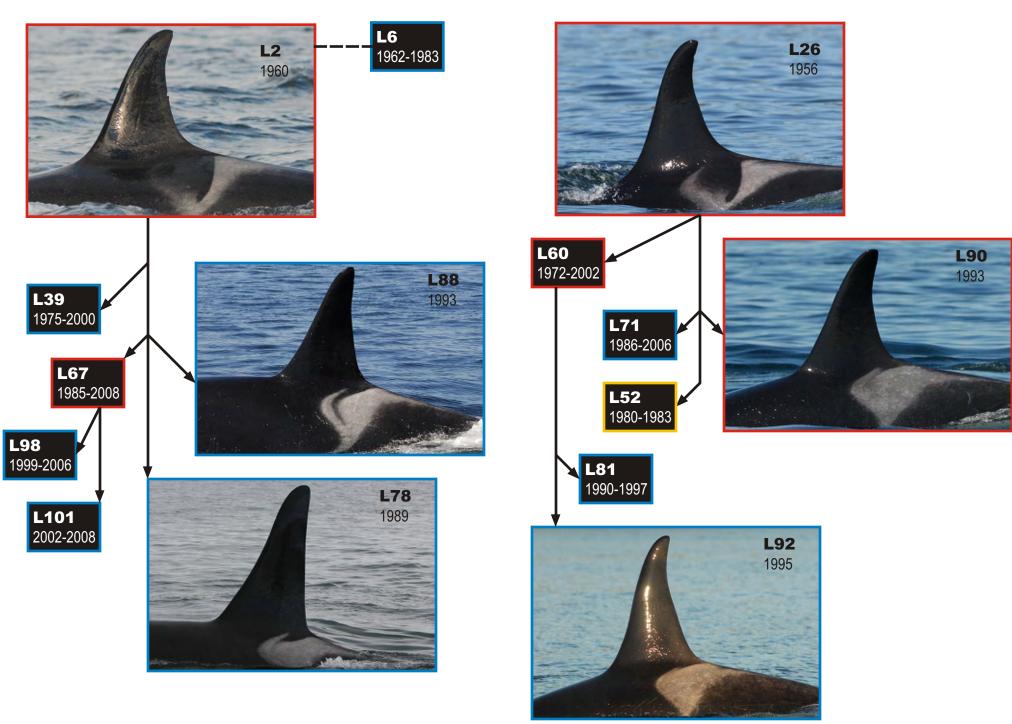
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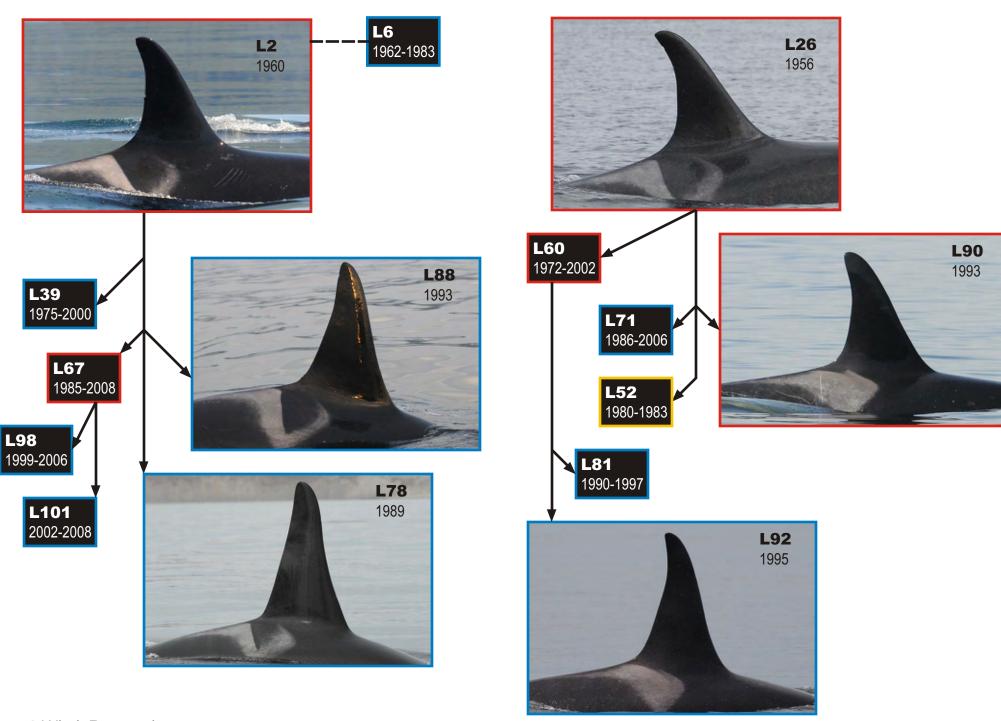
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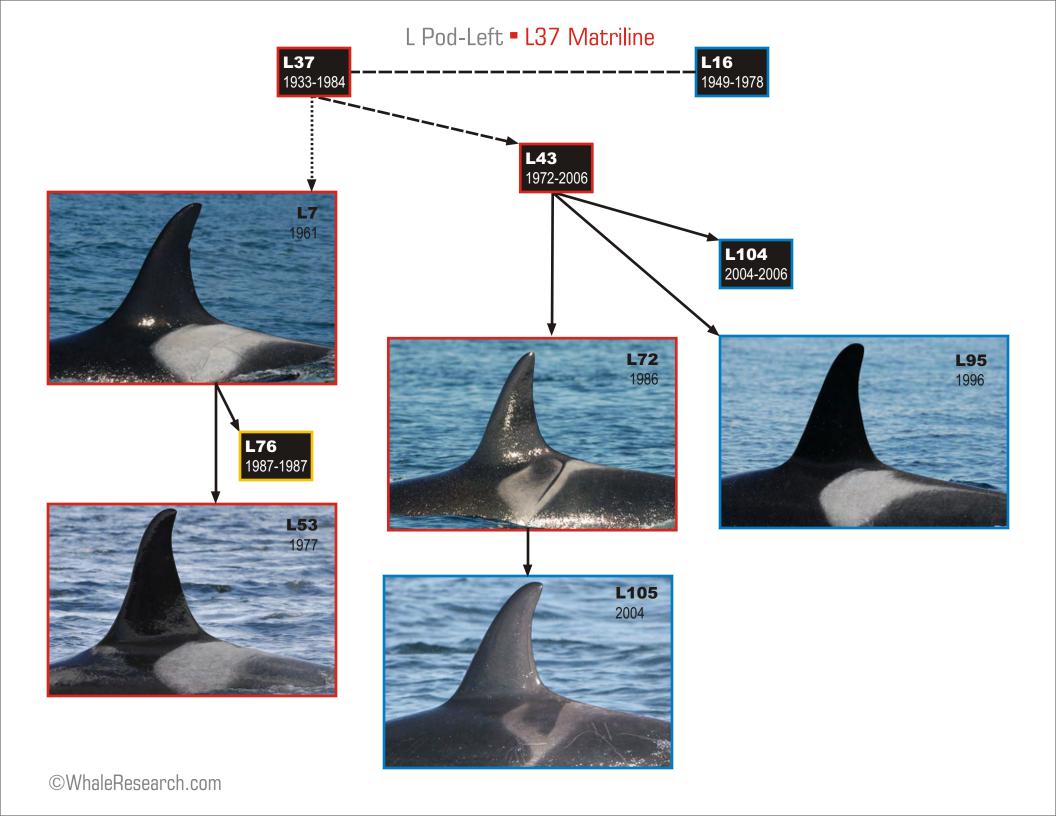


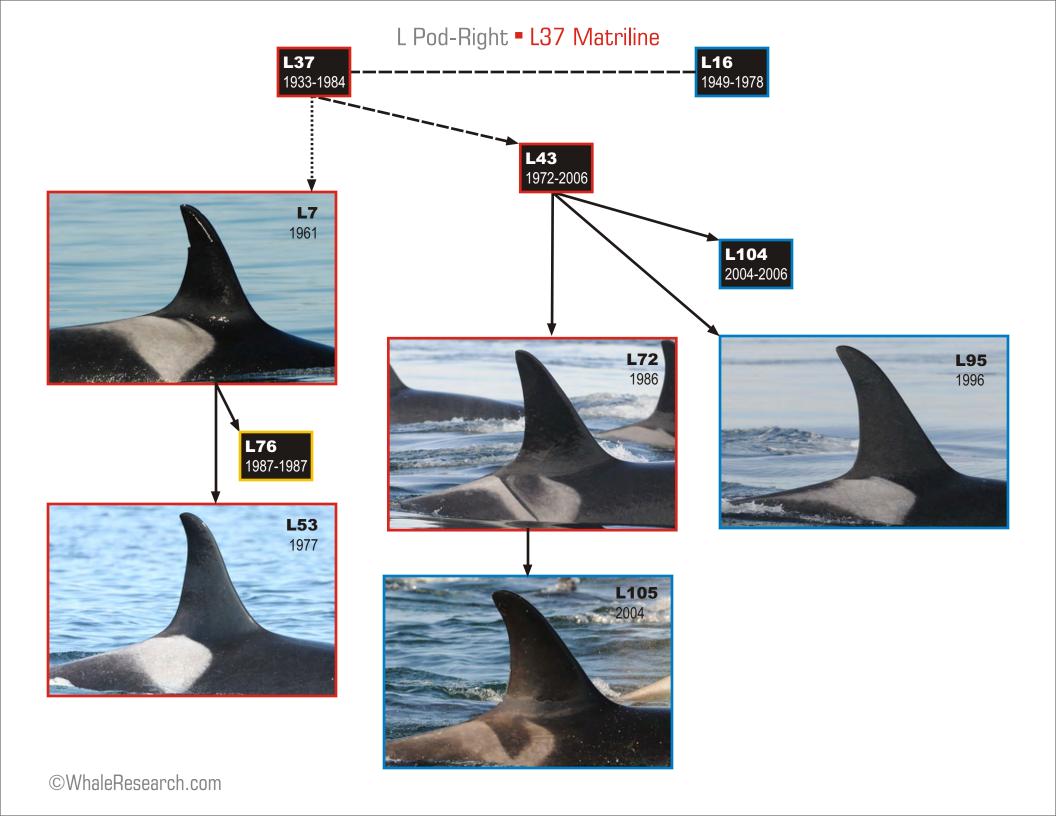
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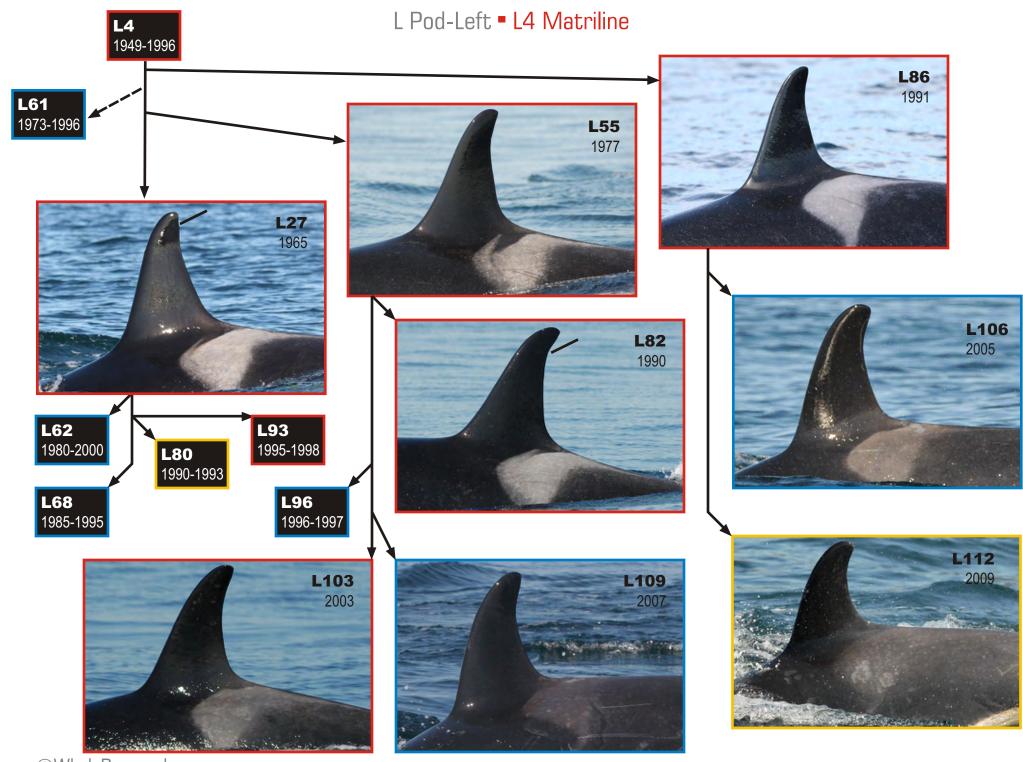


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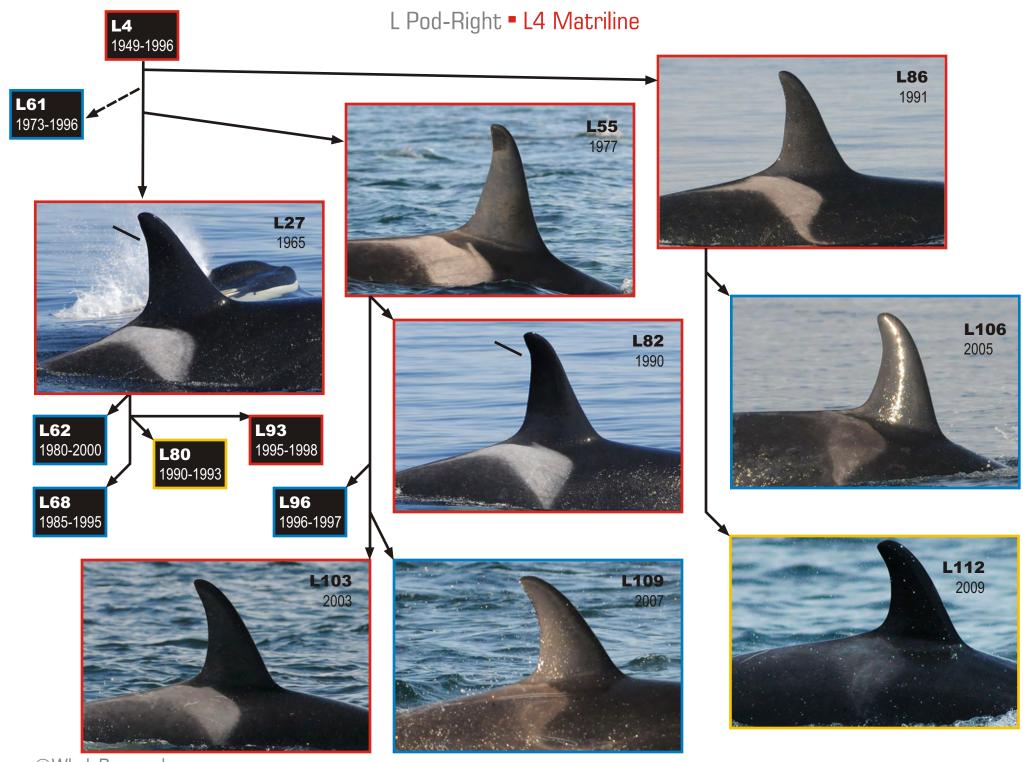




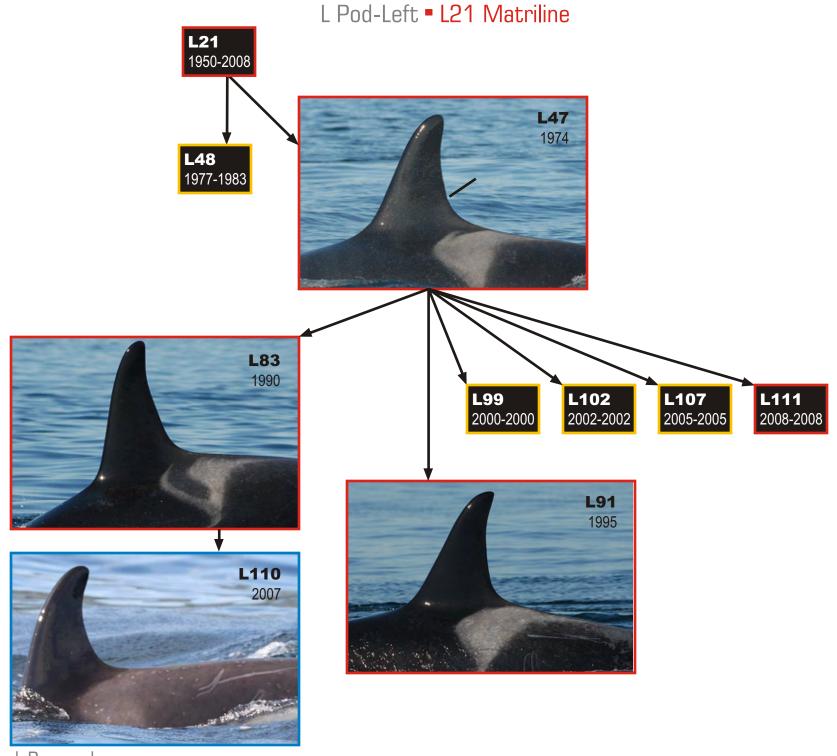




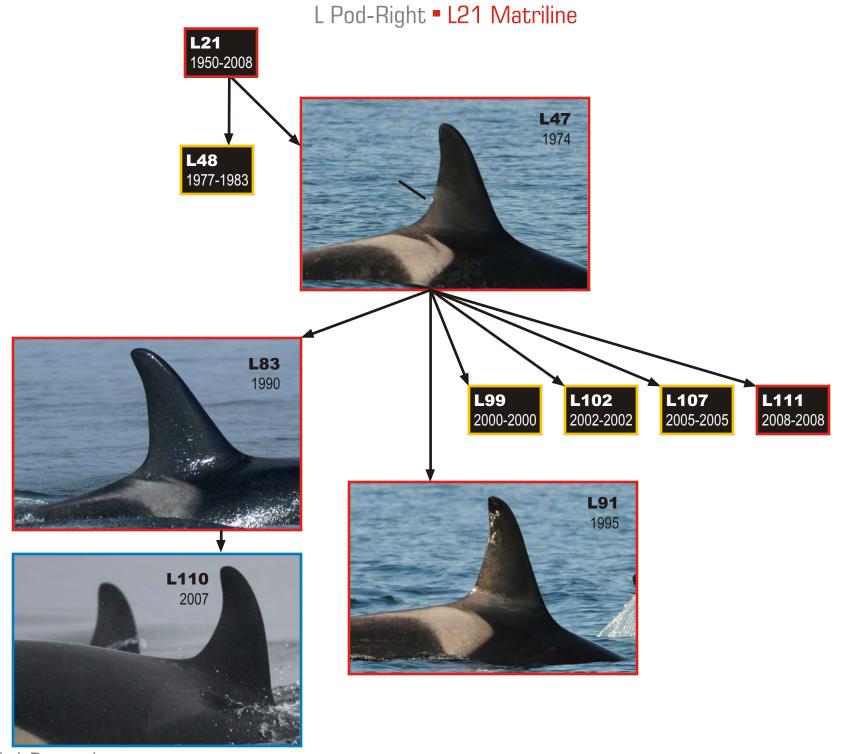
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