

## Pieter Arend Folkens Biography:

Pieter Arend Folkens disentangled his first marine mammal (a seal lion) in 1976 and has been involved in large whale entanglement response since 1996. He is a co-founder of the Alaska Whale Foundation (1996) and California Whale Rescue (2015). He has been the entanglement advisor to the California Dungeness Crab Task Force Entanglement Working Group since its inception. He was an Assistant Professor of Science Communication, Div. of Natural Sciences, UC Santa Cruz, and a charter member of the Society for Marine Mammalogy. His writing, illustration, and photography have been published in 22 languages in 32 countries. Major publications include *The Human Bone Manual* (Academic Press), the *National Audubon Society Guide to Marine Mammals of the World* (Knopf), *Whales and Dolphins of the Southern African Subregion* (Cambridge University Press), and *Guide to Marine Mammals of Alaska* (Sea Grant). He produced and is a contributing author to Ceballos' *Mammals of Mexico* (Johns Hopkins Univ. Press) and *Lagoon Time* (The Ocean Foundation). Museum installations have included *Gateway to the Arctic* (Assiniboine Park and Zoo, Winnipeg, Canada), *Te Papa Tongarewa* (National Museum of New Zealand) and *Whales, Voices in the Sea* (Aquarium of the Pacific, Scripps Inst. of Oceanography), among others. His three dimensional work has included a life-sized bowhead whale for the Iñupiat Heritage Center (Barrow, AK), and “cinematic cetaceans” for feature films such as humpback whales (*Star Trek IV*), killer whales (original and two sequels of *Free Willy*), and bottlenose dolphins (*Flipper the Movie*, *Zeus & Roxanne*, *White Squall*, *SeaQuest DSV*). Documentary work has included multiple projects for the BBC, National Geographic, NHK, Discovery, and MacGillivray Freeman/IMAX. Several of the projects in which he was involved have received “best-of” awards. His other involvements include being a SAR K9 handler (with partner Cali, a yellow Lab) and Search Manager for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the California Rescue Dog Association and the Napa County Sheriff's SAR Team. He is also an active advocate for artists rights as a member of the Graphic Artists Guild. He received The Animal Welfare Institute's Christine Stevens Wildlife Award in 2016. Pieter's Gray Whale Oregon license plate will be on the highways in early 2019, raising funds for entanglement response and research at Oregon State University's Marine Mammal Institute.