

Marine Mammal Stranding Report - Level A Data

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Field Number : DL1401 Nmfs Regional Number : BLANKAK82321 National Database Number : AK-2014-1157885																																
Common Name : Whale, beluga Genus : Delphinapterus Species : leucas																																
Examiner Name : Jeanette Hanneman Affiliation : Alaska Sea Life Center																																
Address : Phone :																																
Stranding Agreement or Authority : Alaska Sealife Center																																
Location Country : United States State : AK County : Anchorage City : Anchorage Body of Water : Gulf of Alaska Locality Details : Anchorage, Jodhpur Park, south of Kincaid Lat : 61.14510 decimal degrees N actual Long : 150.03702 decimal degrees W actual How Lat/Long Determined GPS		Occurrence Details <input type="checkbox"/> Restrand GE# : Group Event : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y If yes, type : <input type="checkbox"/> Cow/Calf Pair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y Mass Stranding <input type="checkbox"/> UME # Animals actual 2 Findings of Human Interaction: CBD <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Boat Collision <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Shot <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Fishery Interaction <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Other Human Interaction How Determined <input type="checkbox"/> 1. External Exam <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Internal Exam <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Necropsy <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Other																														
Gear Collected ? <input type="checkbox"/> N Gear Disposition Other Findings Upon Level A : <input type="checkbox"/> Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnant <input type="checkbox"/> Other Findings																																
Describe how determined : <input type="checkbox"/> External Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Internal Exam <input type="checkbox"/> Necropsy <input type="checkbox"/> Other																																
Initial Observation : Year: 2014 Month: MAY Day: 26 First Observed: Beach or Land Condition at Initial Observation : FRESH DEAD		Level A Examination : Year: 2014 Month: MAY Day: 27 Condition at Examination : FRESH DEAD N Not Able to Examine																														
Initial Live Animal Disposition <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Left at Site <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transferred to Rehab. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Immediate Release at Site <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Relocated <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Disentangled <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Died During Transport <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Died at Site <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Euthanized During Transport <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Euthanized at Site <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Other		Morphological Data Sex : MALE Age Class : ADULT Whole Carcass : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y Partial Carcass : <input type="checkbox"/> N Straight Length : 410 cm actual Weight : 0 unknown estimate																														
Condition/Determination <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Sick <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Deemed Releasable <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Location Hazardous <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Injured <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Abandoned/Orphaned <input type="checkbox"/> a. To animal <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Out of Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> b. To public <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Unknown/CBD <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other		Photos/Videos Taken : Y Disposition : PHOTOS: CG requested copies of photos from all who took pictures. All images obtained are stored on the ASLC Network. A few are provided with captions as part of the necropsy report, additional and higher resolution images are available.																														
Tag Data : Tags Were : Present at time of Stranding (pre-existing) : Applied during Stranding Response : <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ID</th> <th>Color</th> <th>Type</th> <th>*Placement</th> <th>Applied</th> <th>Present</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td>N</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td>N</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td>N</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td>N</td><td>N</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		ID	Color	Type	*Placement	Applied	Present					N	N					N	N					N	N					N	N	Whole Carcass Disposal (Check one or more) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Left at Site <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Towed Lat Long <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Buried <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Sunk Lat Long <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Rendered <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Frozen for Later Exam <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7. Landfill <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Other Specimen Disposition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Scientific Collection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Educational Collection
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* D=Dorsal; DF= Dorsal Fin; L= Lateral Body;
LF= Left Front; LR=Left Rear; RF=Right Front; RR=
Right Rear;

3. Other

Comments : Skull was taken to the lab for sub-sampling and will be transferred to by University of Alaska Museum

- Stomach and one section of blubber was provided to NOAA (B. Mahoney)
- Section of skin and blubber surrounding tagging scars delivered to

Necropsied : complete fresh

Necropsied by : Dr.'s Tuomi and Goertz

Date : 2014-MAY-27

Additional Identifiers :

Additional Remarks : Weight on this animal was not measured.

Given that there was virtually no scavenger damage when the carcass was first discovery and the fact that internal tissues were still slightly warm to the touch when sampled more than 12 hours later suggests that the animal died within a short period of time prior to discovery. The presence of sand/mud in the airways suggests that this animal inhaled the foreign material during a live stranding. The amount of sand/mud was sufficient to completely block respiration. The last low tide prior to the discovery of the carcasses was at 1:19 PM that afternoon, it was the second lowest low tide of the month. Given the absence of other significant findings, the presumption is that this individual and the other whale (DL1402) stranded while alive and subsequently died

Sampling began with removing large sections of organs or whole organs and tissues in the field. These sections were stored in various containers including ziplocks, trash bags of various makes, and □body□ bags. People were wearing a variety of gloves including latex and rubberized fishing gloves. Attempts were made to minimize contaminant samples with mud or fluid from other organs but wind was sufficiently strong to blow muddy water and fluids around. Additionally, organs were sometimes stored with other organs from the same body cavity. During sub-sampling the next day, tissues were not rinsed, staff wore latex or nitrile gloves, some were powdered. Subsamples were stored according to AVPS protocol .

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