

**ASAMM-Chukchi – Flight 240 – 27 September 2014**

Area flown: Transect 18, partial; search near Pt. Lay haulout

Total hours flown: 3.2

Total transect hours: 0.3

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Skies were partly cloudy to overcast. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 3-6; high sea states prevented surveying offshore transects. Visibility varied from 1 to 10 km, with glare, precipitation, and low ceilings. There was no sea ice in the area surveyed.

Sightings: Gray whales and walrus. The walrus haulout near Pt. Lay was estimated at ~35,000 animals, with at least 36 dead walrus just north of the group; no other walrus haulouts were seen.

**Preliminary Summary, Flight 240 Date: 9/27/2014**

|   |                                  |                                 |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Total bowhead whales: 0                     | Start time: 9/27/2014 9:45:33 AM | End time: 9/27/2014 12:54:32 PM |
| Bowhead whale sightings: 0                  | Transect minutes: 16             | Transect km: 58.8               |
| Bowhead whales on transect: 0               | Circling minutes: 2              | Circling km: 0                  |
| Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs: 0             | Trans+Circ minutes: 18           | Trans+Circ km: 58.8             |
| Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs on transect: 0 | Search minutes: 25               | Search km: 97.6                 |
| Bowhead whale repeats: 0                    | Total minutes: 189               | Total km: 862.5                 |
| Possible repeats: 0                         | Deadhead minutes: 146            | Deadhead km: 706.1              |
| Total gray whales: 3                        | Search blocks: 20, 17, 13, 12    |                                 |
| Total belugas: 0                            | Transect blocks: 20              |                                 |
| Other whale sightings: 0                    |                                  |                                 |
| Total walrus: 35036                         |                                  |                                 |
| Total polar bears: 0                        |                                  |                                 |

**Cetacean Sightings:**

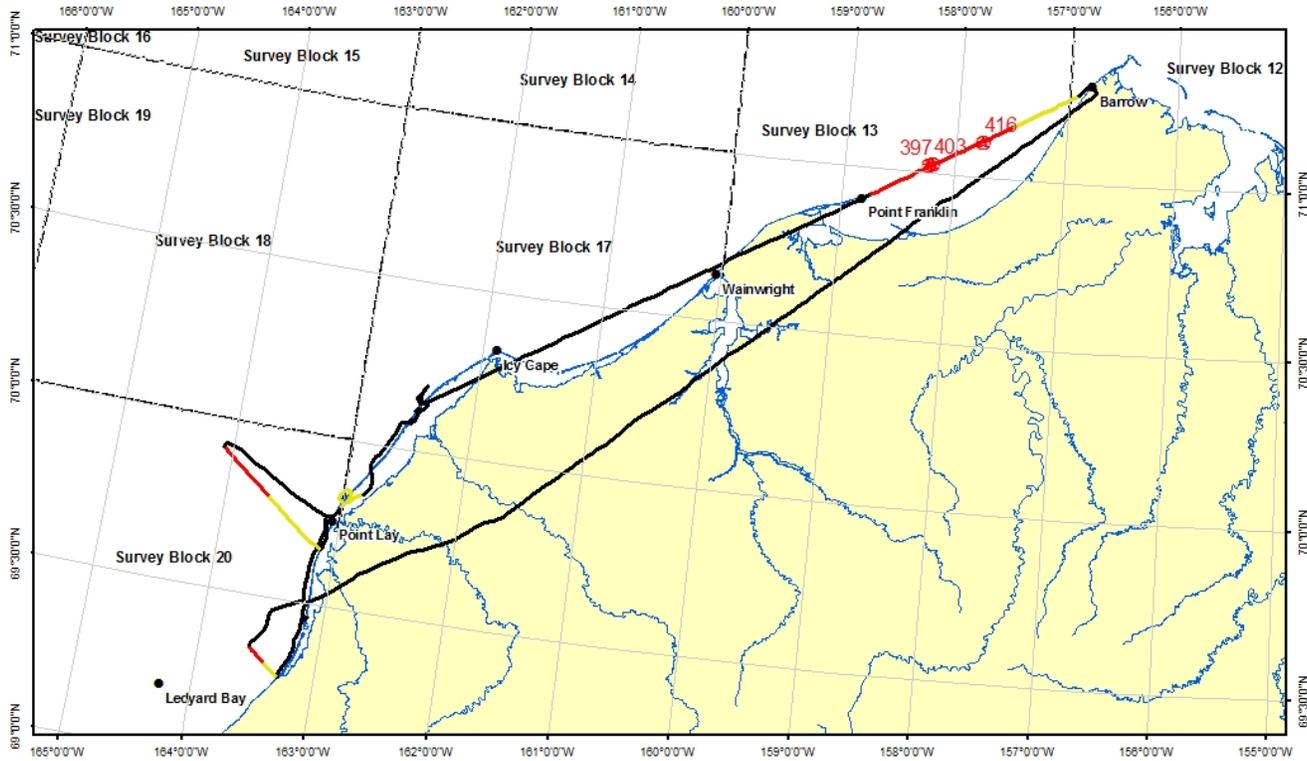
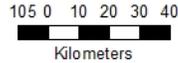
| Event | Lat   | Long    | Block | Species    | Total | Calves | Behavior | Swim Direction | On Effort |
|-------|-------|---------|-------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| 397   | 71.02 | -158.22 | 13    | gray whale | 1     | 0      | feed     | -1             | False     |
| 403   | 71.03 | -158.2  | 13    | gray whale | 1     | 0      | feed     | -1             | False     |
| 416   | 71.11 | -157.76 | 13    | gray whale | 1     | 0      | feed     | -1             | False     |

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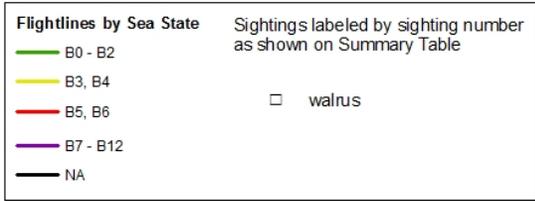
**Flightlines by Sea State**

- B0 - B2
- B3, B4
- B5, B6
- B7 - B12
- NA

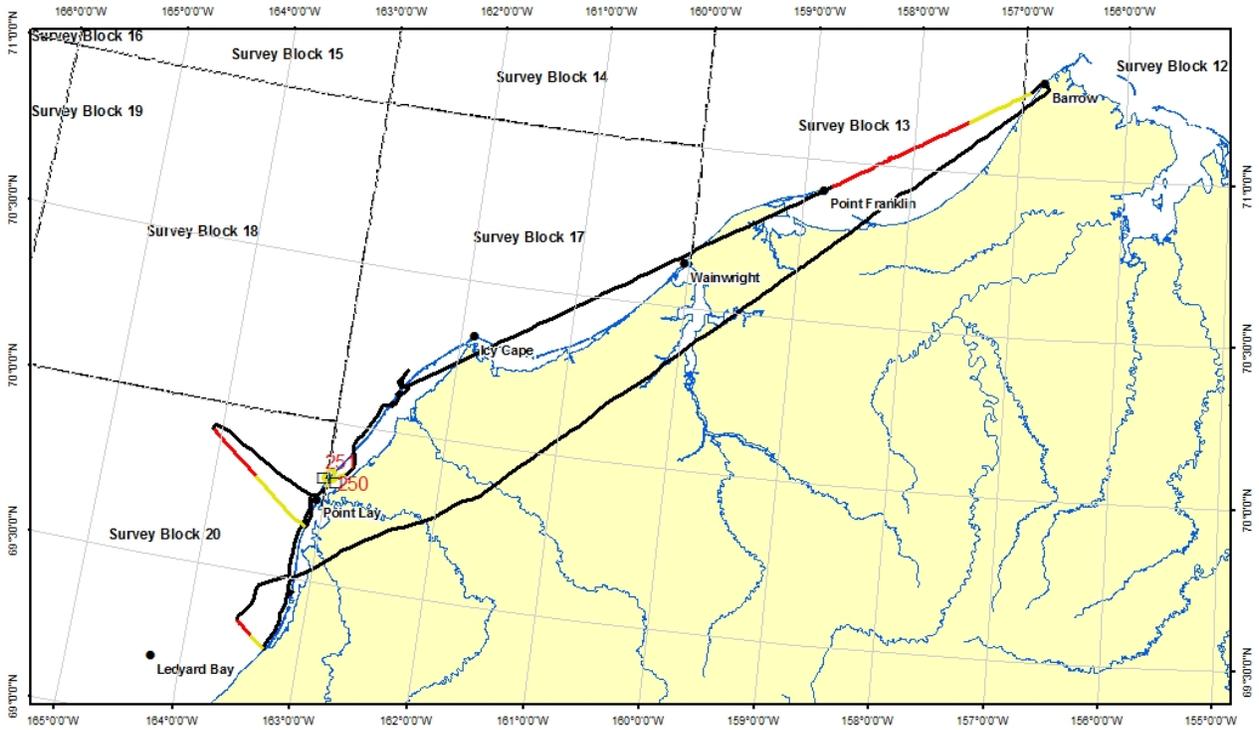
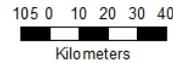
**Cetacean Sightings -**  
Labeled by sighting number  
as shown on Summary Table



**Walrus Sightings:**



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**Walrus haulout on barrier island near Pt. Lay, Alaska, (event 250) seen on ASAMM Flight 240, 27 September 2014.**



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**Close-up of part of walrus haulout on barrier island near Pt. Lay, Alaska, (event 250) seen on ASAMM Flight 240, 27 September 2014.**