

## COMIDA – Flight 228 – 6 September 2010

Area flown: Transect 17, partial; coastal transect from Wainwright to Barrow

Total hours flown: 3.6

Total transect hours: 1.4

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Overcast to partly cloudy, with low ceilings and fog throughout the survey area. Low ceilings and fog precluded complete coverage of transect 17. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 1-4, and visibility ranged from 0 to 10 km. No sea ice was present in the area surveyed.

Sightings: Walrus and unidentified pinnipeds. Approximately 15,000 walrus were observed at the haul out located three miles northwest of Point Lay (image attached), which was first documented on 30 August 2010.

### Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 228 Date: 9/6/2010

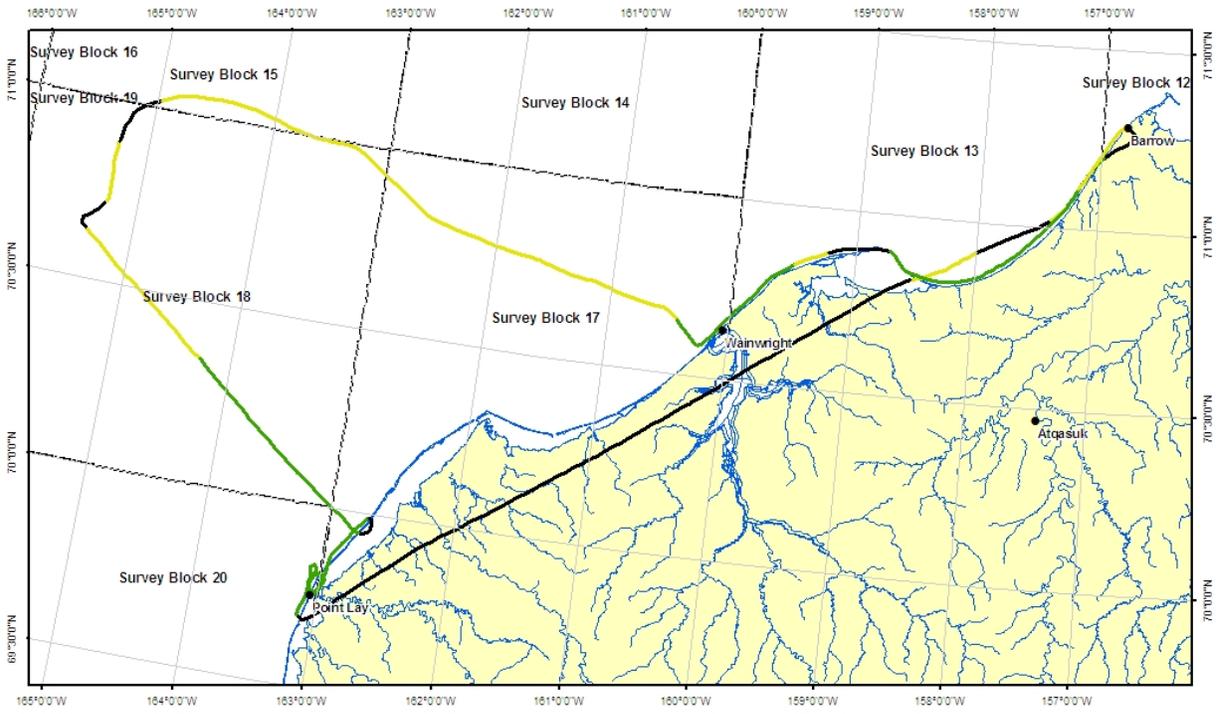
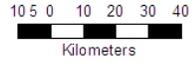
Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 9/6/2010 11:02:06 AM	End time: 9/6/2010 2:40:20 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 82	Transect km: 296.6
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 17	Circling km: 58.1
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 99	Trans+Circ km: 354.7
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 58	Search km: 262.5
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 218	Total km: 932.8
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 61	Deadhead km: 315.6
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 12, 13, 17, 18, 15	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 20, 17, 18, 13, 12, 0	
Other whale sightings: 0		
Total walrus: 15415		
Total bear: 0		

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**Flightlines by Sea State**

- B0 - B2
- B3, B4
- B5, B6
- B7 - B12
- n/a

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





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