

## COMIDA – Flight 237 – 24 September 2010

Area flown: Transects 17, 15, 7, partial; coastal transect from Point Lay to Point Franklin

Total hours flown: 5.0

Total transect hours: 2.8

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Overcast, with patches of haze and low ceilings. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 2 to 7, and visibility ranged from 0 to 10 km. High sea states precluded complete coverage of transects 17 and 15, and low ceilings precluded complete coverage of transect 7. No sea ice was present in the area surveyed.

Sightings: One polar bear and walrus. The walrus haulout at Pt. Lay was estimated to be between 12,000 and 15,000 individuals.

### Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 237 Date: 9/24/2010

Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 9/24/2010 9:25:55 AM	End time: 9/24/2010 2:22:00 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 169	Transect km:568.1
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 13	Circling km: 37.2
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 182	Trans+Circ km: 605.3
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 55	Search km: 191.8
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 297	Total km: 1103.2
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 60	Deadhead km: 306.1
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 17, 20, 18, 15, 13, 0	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 17, 18, 15, 13, 0	
Other whale sightings: 0		
Total walrus: 13533		
Total bear: 1		

**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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