

COMIDA – Flight 250 – 14 September 2011

Area flown: Coastal transect from Pt. Barrow to Pt. Hope.

Total hours flown: 4.5

Total transect hours: 2.2

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Skies were partly cloudy to overcast throughout the area surveyed. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 2-7, and precluded effort just south of Pt. Lay. Visibility ranged from 0 to 10 km, with a patch of low lying clouds around Pt. Barrow and precipitation around Pt. Hope.

Sightings: One unidentified whale (probable minke), walrus (including three carcasses), and 28 Dall sheep (in the cliffs just south of Cape Lisburne). Approximately 18,000 walrus were observed hauled out on land slightly north of Pt. Lay, in two groups of 15,000 and 3,000. Poor visibility precluded photography of the haulouts.

Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 250 Date: 9/14/2011

Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 9/14/2011 10:04:05 AM	End time: 9/14/2011 2:32:52 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 134	Transect km:517.5
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 27	Circling km: 87.8
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 161	Trans+Circ km: 605.3
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 3	Search km: 7.4
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 268	Total km: 1223.2
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 104	Deadhead km: 610.5
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 12, 20, 22	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 12, 13, 0, 17, 20, 22	
Other whale sightings: 1		
Total walrus: 18194		
Total bear: 0		

Event	Lat	Long	Block	Species	Total	Repeat	Calves	Swim direction	Swim Speed	Behavior	On effort
399	68.71	-166.22	22	unknown cetacean	1	.	0	-1	.	swim	True

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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