

COMIDA – Flight 259 – 1 October 2011

Area flown: Transects 18 and 20, partial. Search effort between Point Franklin and Barrow.

Total hours flown: 4.3

Total transect hours: 2.0

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

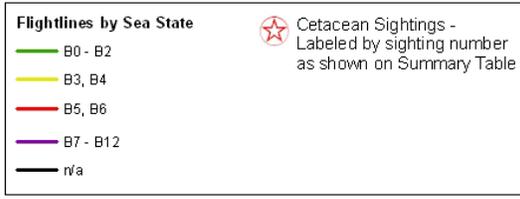
Weather and visibility: Skies were partly cloudy to overcast, with scattered snow showers throughout the study area. Visibility ranged from 0-10 km. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 2-6, with lower sea states closer to shore. No sea ice was present in the area surveyed. High sea states impeded completion of transects 18 and 20.

Sightings: Gray whales, walrus and one unidentified pinniped.

Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 259 Date: 10/1/2011

Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 10/1/2011 10:35:25 AM	End time: 10/1/2011 2:54:49 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 118	Transect km: 393.4
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 10	Circling km: 30.4
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 128	Trans+Circ km: 423.8
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 35	Search km: 123.8
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 259	Total km: 1137
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 96	Deadhead km: 589.4
Total gray whales: 4	Search blocks: 19, 20, 13	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 20, 18, 19, 21	
Other whale sightings: 0		
Total walrus: 34		
Total bear: 0		

Event	Lat	Long	Block	Species	Total	Repeat	Calves	Swim direction	Swim Speed	Behavior	On effort
573	71.03	-158.34	13	gray whale	1	.	0	-1	.	feed	False
593	71.12	-157.73	13	gray whale	1	.	0	273	.	swim	False
550	71.03	-158.26	13	gray whale	1	.	0	-1	.	feed	False
574	71.03	-158.31	13	gray whale	1	no	0	-1	.	swim	False



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