

COMIDA – Flight 265 – 17 October 2011

Area flown: Coastal transect from Pt. Lay to 25 km NE of Wainwright

Total hours flown: 2.3

Total transect hours: 1.0

Number of bowheads seen: 0

Weather and visibility: Skies were overcast to partly cloudy. Visibility ranged from >1 to 10 km. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 1-4 and there was 0-90% grease, new and frazil ice near shore. Fog and low ceilings prevented completion of the coastal transect from 25 km NE of Wainwright to Barrow; low ceilings were also widespread offshore so no offshore transects were attempted. Sightings: One beluga, walrus, and unidentified pinnipeds. No walrus were observed onshore at the site of the previous haulout near Pt. Lay or anywhere along the coast.

Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 265 Date: 10/17/2011

Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 10/17/2011 1:46:02 PM	End time: 10/17/2011 4:01:46 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 58	Transect km: 202.7
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 0	Circling km: 0
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 58	Trans+Circ km: 202.7
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 1	Search km: 1.3
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 135	Total km: 642.5
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 76	Deadhead km: 438.5
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 13	
Total belugas: 1	Transect blocks: 20, 17, 0, 13	
Other whale sightings: 0		
Total walrus: 10		
Total bear: 0		

Event	Lat	Long	Block	Species	Total	Repeat	Calves	Swim direction	Swim Speed	Behavior	On effort
243	70.45	-160.57	17	beluga	1	.	0	-1	.	rest	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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