

COMIDA – Flight 235 – 19 August 2011

Area flown: Coastal transect completed from Point Lay to 30 miles south of Barrow.

Total hours flown: 2.9

Total transect hours: 1.4

Number of bowheads seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Skies were clear to partly cloudy with low ceilings. Visibility ranged from 0 to 10 km. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 3 to 5. There was no ice present within the area surveyed. Low ceilings prevented completion of transects offshore and high sea states prevented completion of transects inshore.

Sightings: walrus and one unidentified pinniped. Approximately 10,000 walrus were observed hauled out on land slightly north of Point Lay in the same location as haulouts sighted on 17 August 2011 (photos included).


Bowhead Preliminary Summary, Flight 235 Date: 8/19/2011

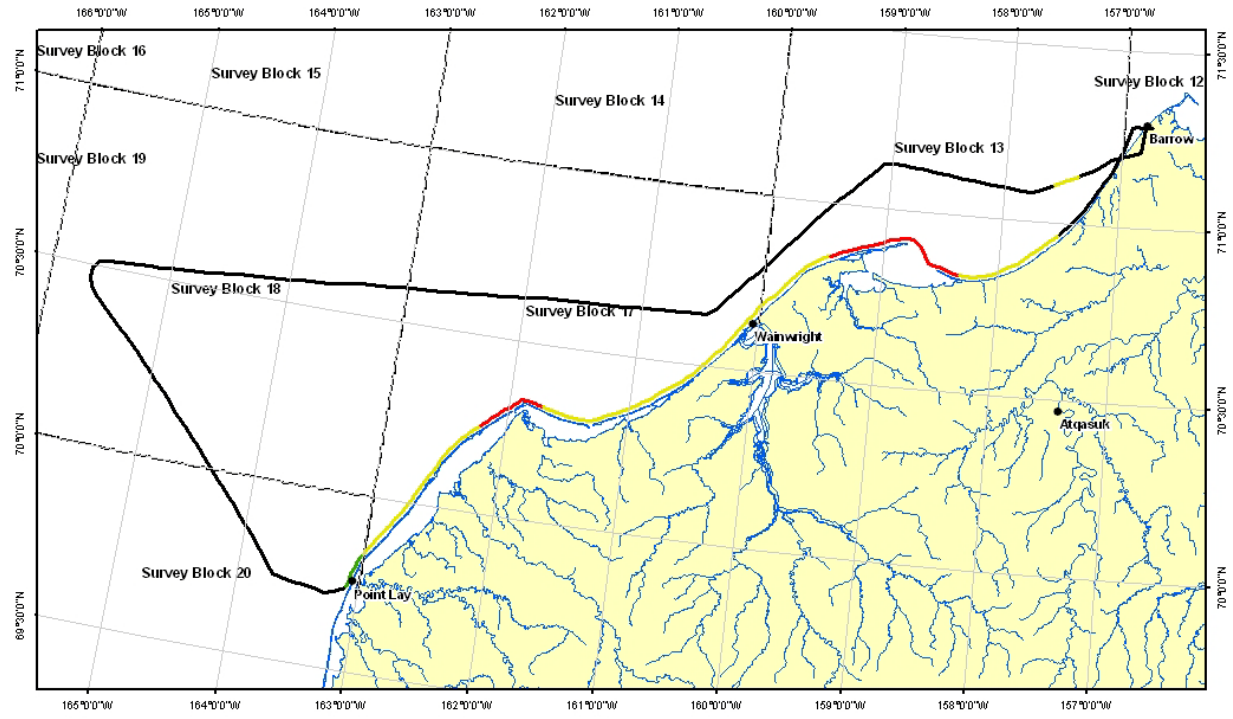
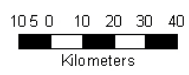
Total bowheads: 0	Start time: 8/19/2011 3:53:23 PM	End time: 8/19/2011 6:46:18 PM
Bowhead sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 84	Transect km: 279.6
Bowheads on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 0	Circling km: 0
Bowhead Cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 84	Trans+Circ km: 279.6
Bowhead Cow-calf Pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 2	Search km: 9.5
Bowhead repeats: 0	Total minutes: 173	Total km: 827.7
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 87	Deadhead km: 538.6
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 13	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 20, 17, 13	
Other whale sightings: 0		
Total walrus: 10052		
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





One large walrus haulout (estimated size 10,000 animals) sighted during COMIDA flight 235. The haulout was located slightly north of Pt. Lay, in the same location as seen on 17 August 2011. In the vicinity of the sighting, the COMIDA team was flying the coastal transect one km offshore, with the aircraft at 1500', and no reaction by the walrus was noted.



Subsection of haul out sighted during COMDIA flight 235.