

ASAMM-Chukchi – Flight 256 – 19 October 2016

Area flown: Block 1, 2 complete transects; block 2, 2 complete transects; block 3, 2 complete transects; block 11, 2 complete transects.

Total hours flown: 4.4 (2 flights)

Total transect hours: 2.2

Number of bowhead whales seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Skies were partly cloudy. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 1-6. Visibility was 1 km to unlimited, with glare and low ceiling. Sea ice ranged from 0 to 98 percent new/grease ice in the area surveyed.

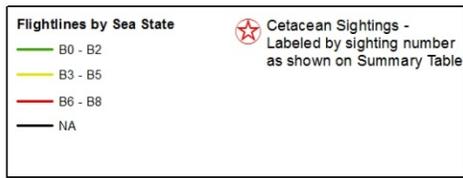
Sightings: Belugas.

Preliminary Summary, Flight 256 Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

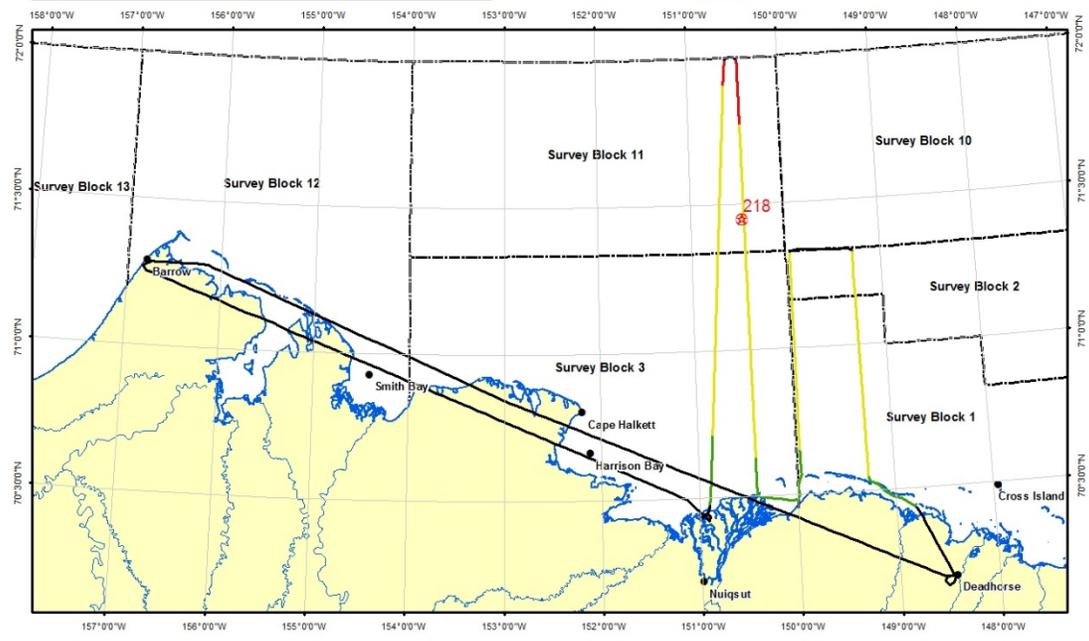
Total bowhead whales: 0	Start time: 10/19/2016 1:37:48 PM	End time: 10/19/2016 6:46:00 PM
Bowhead whale sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 130	Transect km: 513.3
Bowhead whales on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 0	Circling km: 0
Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 130	Trans+Circ km: 513.3
Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 11	Search km: 40.5
Bowhead whale repeats: 0	Total minutes: 263	Total km: 1211.8
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 123	Deadhead km: 658
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 1,2,3	
Total belugas: 2	Transect blocks: 1,2,3,11	
Other whale sightings: 0		
walrus: no		
Total polar bears: 0		

Cetacean Sightings:

Event	Lat	Long	Block	Species	Total	Calves	Behavior	Swim Direction	On Effort
218	71.44	-150.43	11	beluga	2	0	swim	269	True



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 Flight 256, 10/19/2016 1:30:12 PM



Another gorgeous sunset on the way home to Barrow, Alaska. (Brenda K. Rone)