



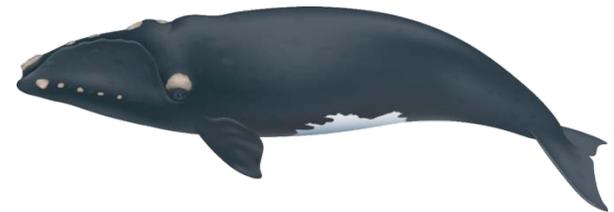
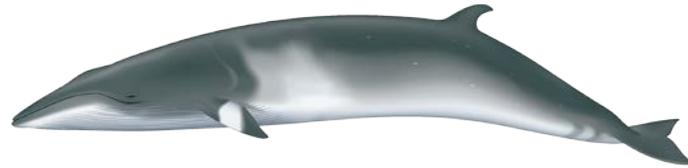
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Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Webinar

November 29, 2016

Attendance and Protocols

- TRT members
- Interested Parties
 - Public Comment
 - Recording



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Call Objectives

- Review abundance, SI/M and entanglement numbers
- Review plans for improvements to fishing effort and SPUE data
- Discuss status of ALWTRP and potential future plans

Agenda

- Species Status Updates
- Enforcement Updates
- Other Updates
- Public Comment

2015 and 2016 preliminary entanglements

- 2015
 - 36 new confirmed entanglements (as of November 21, 2016)
 - 4 right whales;
 - 25 humpback whales (one deceased);
 - 6 minke whales (two deceased); and
 - 1 finback whale
 - 22 of the 36 whales have been disentangled completely, gear was later shed with/without disentanglement, partially disentangled with what is believed to be non-life threatening gear remaining or had a non-life threatening entanglement
 - 2 right whale;
 - 17 humpback whales; and
 - 3 minke whales
- 2016
 - 43 new confirmed entanglements (as of November 21, 2016)
 - 6 right whales (2 deceased);
 - 27 humpback whales (1 deceased);
 - 4 minke whales (3 deceased);
 - 4 finback whale;
 - 1 sei whale; and
 - 1 unknown whale
 - 23 of the 43 whales have been disentangled completely, gear was later shed with/without disentanglement, partially disentangled with what is believed to be non-life threatening gear remaining or had a non-life threatening entanglement
 - 19 humpback whales;
 - 1 minke whale; and
 - 3 finback whales



2015 and 2015 preliminary entanglement gear

This winter, work will be done to compile ALWTRP gear marks and the associated TRP zones

• 2015

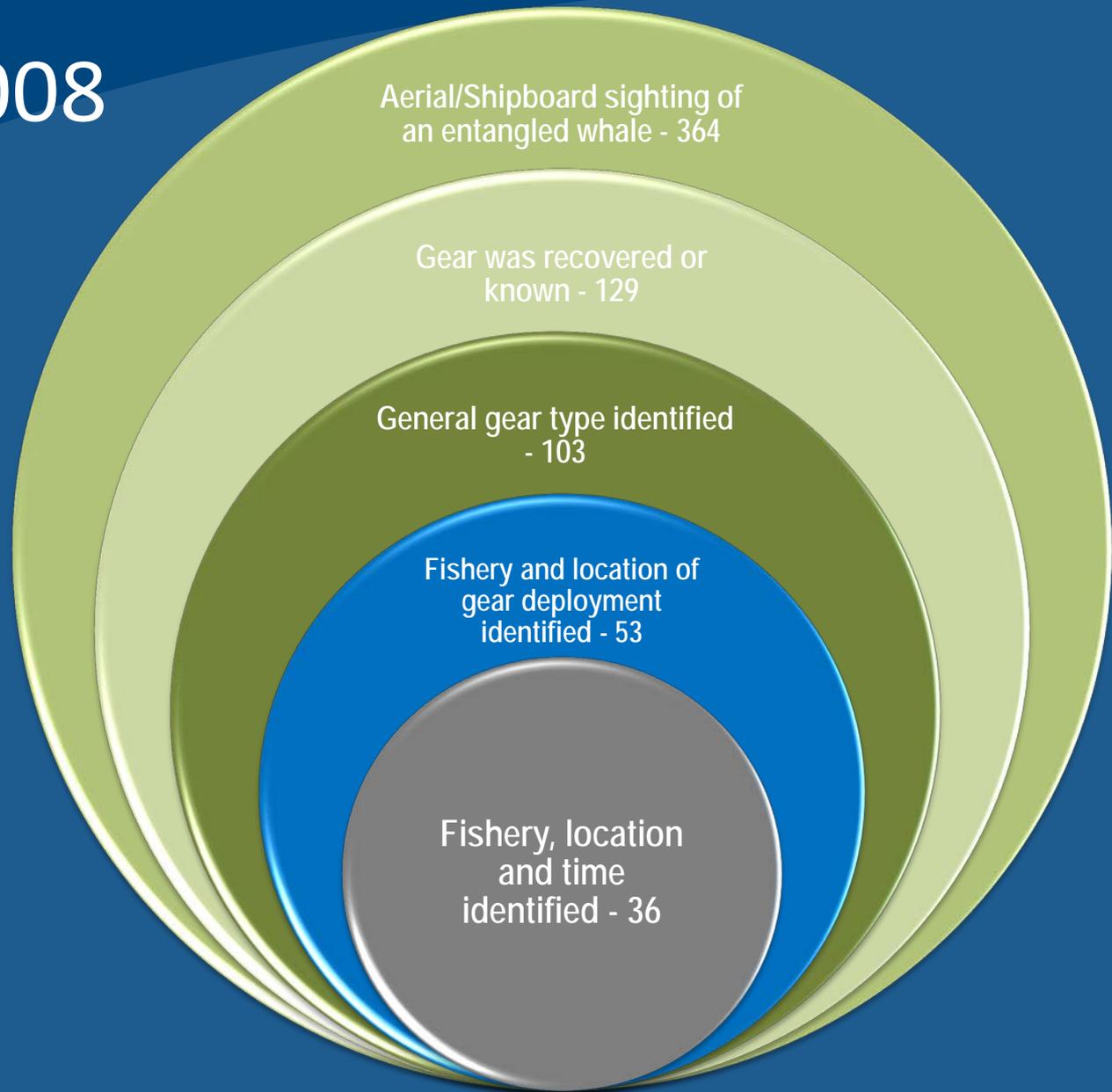
- 36 new confirmed entanglements (as of November 21, 2016)
 - 9 cases were identified as of being partially or fully of U.S. origin;
 - 5 lobster gear, 2 unknown pot/trap, 1 unknown fishery, 1 anchoring system
 - 5 cases were identified as being of Canadian origin;
 - 3 lobster gear, 1 snow crab gear, 1 unknown fishery

• 2016

- 43 new confirmed entanglements (as of November 21, 2016),
 - 18 cases were identified as being of U.S. origin;
 - 12 lobster gear, 1 drift gillnet, 1 sink gillnet, 1 gillnet, 1 monofilament line, 1 unknown gillnet, 1 unknown pot/trap
 - 3 cases were identified as being of Canadian origin;
 - 2 snow crab gear, 1 crab gear



1997 to 2008



May Work Group Meeting

- Met in Gloucester on May 17-18
- Focus discussions on how to improve fishing effort data consistency
- Consider a reporting requirement and what would be required to design and implement such a requirement

Right Whale 5-Year Review

- Required under the Endangered Species Act every 5 years to monitor implementation of the recovery plan
 1. *Review past 5 years of right whale research*
 2. *Assess recovery efforts of the past 5 years*
 3. *Plan recovery strategy for the next 5 years*
- Last 5-Year Review produced in 2012
- 90-day Comment period for 2017 review closed **10/27/2016**
- We will still accept additional relevant information

Submit relevant information to:

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Future Meetings

- NMFS Right Whale Workshop
 - March 14-16th
- Annual MMC Meeting in Woods Hole
 - April 5-7th
- In person ALWTRT Meeting
 - April 25-27th