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MALE HUMPBACK WHALES STILL SINGING IN SPRING

Woods Hole, MA -- Two researchers working off Cape Cod have discovered that male humpback whales feeding there in the spring are singing as though it's winter, when they breed in tropical waters. The finding may change the way scientists think about seasonal behavior and reproduction in this endangered species.

Humpbacks

The researchers are Phil Clapham of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), and Chris Clark of Cornell University.

Singing in

Spring

For more, see the paper in the new issue of Proceedings Royal Society, Biology: <http://www.journals.royalsoc.ac.uk/link.asp?id=uh3v5n1nhtacuyut>

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