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#### Abstract

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## Scientific Purpose:

Due to a continuing population decline, the western stock of the Steller sea lion (Eumetopias jubatus) is listed as endangered. The decline of Steller sea lions in the central and western areas of the North Pacific/Bering Sea has precipitated a number of research projects seeking to investigate possible causal factors. Hypotheses to explain declines in populations from Kodiak Island, the Alaskan Peninsula and the Aleutian Island Arc include: 1) Commercial fisheries are competitors for prey; 2) There is significant predation by killer whales (Orcinus orca); and 3) Changes in climate have affected the productivity of sea-lion habitat, thus diminishing the abundance or availability of prey, particularly in the western portion of their range. Management actions necessary to mitigate the possible effects of fisheries have severely restricted the inshore portion of the commercial groundfish fishery. To improve the basis for future management decisions, more information is required about how killer whales and climate variations impact the ecosystern on which Steller sea lions depend. Our project, the Aleutians Passes Study, focused on two fundamental goals: (1) examination of productivity near sea lion rookeries and haul outs and (2) documentation of the number and ecotype of killer whales in waters between Unimak and Tanaga passes in the Aleutian chain.

To this end, we conducted investigations in seven passes through the Aleutian Islands that differed in physiography: Unimak Pass (about 19 km wide by 52 m deep), Akutan Pass ( 7 krn by 30 m ), Umnak Pass ( 6.7 km by 60 m ), Samalga Pass ( 29 km by 200 m ), Amukta Pass ( 68 km by 430 m ), Seguam Pass ( 30 km by 165 m ), and Tanaga Pass ( 32 km by 235 m ) (Fig. 1). The passes border Steller sea lion rookeries and haul outs where populations are either in decline or holding steady; none are increasing. These passes provided the opportunity for a suite of comparisons of hydrography and productivity at dynamic centers of seawater exchange between the North Pacific and the Bering Sea. In each pass, we characterized and quantified: 1) the physical regime, 2) nutrient availability, 3) primary production, 4) the distribution and abundance of zooplankton and micro-nekton, 5) the foraging ecology of marine birds as indicators of prey availability, and 6) the distribution and relative abundance of killer whales, and where possible, obtained identification-quality photographs and biopsy samples from them. This study is the first multi-disciplinary, integrated examination of the ecosystem in the critical habitat of the western population of the Steller sea lion. It provides initial examinations of two of three hypotheses most likely to explain the decline of the sea lions, and has the potential to provide information of significant value for the future mariagement of sea lion recovery and the fisheries of the region.

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## DATE ACTIVITY

## 16-19 May In transit from Seward to the Dutch Harbor

19-26 May Work in Akutan and Unimak Passes
19 May: 09:30: Load science party at Dutch Harbor
10:30: Safety meetings and drills
11:30: Begin whale survey north side, Unalaska Island
22:00: End whale survey, north side, Unalaska Island
23:45: MOCNESS survey north end of Unimak Pass
20 May: 00:00: MOCNESS north end of Unimak Pass line (UNY-30, 28, 26, 23)
07:00: Productivity cast at UNY-28
07:30: Acoustic survey south through Unimak Pass with HTI, birds, and mammals
13:00: Productivity cast at UNY-19
14:00: Continue acoustic survey south
18:00: Failed productivity cast (CTD malfunction)
22:00: End bird survey
23:45: End acoustic survey at UNY-1
21 May: 00:30: MOCNESS at south end of Unimak Pass line (UNY-01, then weathered out; lost 3 tows)
07:00: Run for shelter with two sets of whale observations around south end of Akutan Pass and the Krenitzin Is.
18:00: Productivity station at AKY-14
18:30: Continue search for killer whales, north side of Akutan.
23:00: MOCNESS tows north end of Akutan Pass (AKY-14).
22 May: 00:00: MOCNESS sampling at AKY-16, 17, 18, 19
07:30: Productivity station at AKY-19
08:00: Start CTD and CaIVET survey south along Akutan line with birds and mammals.
Stations at: AKY-19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 07, 04, 01
12:00: Productivity station at AKY-14
18:00: Productivity station at AKY-04
19:00: Ran back up line to position for MOCNESS tows.
23:30: MOCNESS AKY-10
23 May: 00:00: MOCNESS AKY-08, then weathered out.
09:00: At dock in Dutch harbor for pickup of parts, bad weather
15:30: Depart Dutch Harbor to search for whales north side of Unalaska Is.
19:38: On whales, launched small boat; secured at 20:45
24 May: 07:00: Productivity station at AKY-1907:30: Begin acoustic survey with birds and mammals in Akutan Passfrom AKY-19 to AKY-10 (rest of survey aborted due to heavy weather)
11:30: Run for lee and areas north of Akutan Is. without fog for mammal obs.
20:00: Encountered whales with a fishing boat hauling black cod traps.
25 May: 03:45: MOCNESS at UNY-11
07:00: Start CTD and CaIVET survey south along Unimak Pass Y-line with bird and mammal observations. Stations: UNY-30, 28, 26, 23, 20, 18, 16, 14, 11, 08, 05,03 , and 01 . Killer whales seen in passing mode only.
08:00: Productivity station at UNY-28
22:30: Grab water for a productivity experiment UNY-05
23:00: MOCNESS at UNY-05
26 May: 06:00: MOCNESS at AKY-0407:00: Acoustic, seabird and mammal surveys in Akutan Pass between AKY-01and AKY-09 then AKY-11- to AKY-09
13:30: Complete acoustic survey and head west for Tanaga Pass.
27-28 May Transit to Tanaga Pass
27 May: 00:00: Underway for Tanaga Pass.
12:56: Searching off-line for killer whale
17:45: Working killer whales
22:00: Secured from killer whale work.
28 May: 00:00: Underway to Tanaga Pass.
17:45: Arrive south end of Tanaga Pass: looking for whales in Delarof Is.
29-31 May Tanaga Pass
29 May: 00:01: MOCNESS Survey south end of Tanaga Pass (TNY-1, 4, 7, 10, 13)
07:30: Commence search for killer whales
09:55: End work on killer whales
12:30: Productivity station at TNY-01
12:50: Start acoustic, bird and mammal surveys of Tanaga Pass from TNY-01 to TNY-21
14:15: Deploy drifter orı flood tide (TNY-4; $51^{\circ} 28.69^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 177^{\circ} 44.75^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ )
22:28: End acoustic survey
22:30: Underway for MOCNESS survey
30 May: 00:45: MOCNESS survey north end of Tanaga Pass (TNY-15, 17, 19, 21)
08:40: Productivity cast, TNY-21
09:00: Start CTD, CalVET, bird and mammal survey of Tanaga Pass at TNY-21going south. Started south about half way through the ebb tide, and last halfduring flood. Stations at TNY-21, 18, 16, 14, 13, 12, 10, 08, 05, 02.
22:09: End CTD survey and head for Tanaga Bay for test of 38 kHz sounder.
31 May 08:19: Commence CTD survey of Tanaga Pass X-line (TNX-05,
13:00: Deploy small boat to biopsy sperm whales
14:30: Retrieve small boat
15:25: Deploy small boat to work killer whales near Delarof Pass
17:20: Secure from whale work; continue survey through Delarof is.
22:30: Collecting auklets
23:42: Underway to Tanaga Bay to anchor up for daylight travel eastward alongnorth side.
1 June: 08:00: Underway for Seguam Pass, with whale survey along north side of Tanaga Is, Adak Is. etc.
2-6 June Seguam and Amukta Passes
2 June: 08:00: Searching for killer whales in northern Seguam Pass
12:05: Begin CTD/CaIVET survey of Seguam Pass with birds and mammal obs.Starting about $1 / 2$ down from high tide and ending on rising tide. Stations:SGY-17, 15, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 00.Productivity stations at SGY-17, SGY-10.
3 June: 00:30: MOCNESS survey southern Seguam Pass (SGY-00, 02, 04, 06, and 09)09:00: Productivity cast at SGY-17
09:20: Begin acoustic survey of Seguam Pass with bird and mammal obs. fromSGY-17 to SGY-00.
17:50: Productivity cast at SGY-00
18:15: Underway looking for birds to collect or killer whales
22:05: Working killer whales
23:40: Underway for MOCNESS survey
4 June: 02:00: MOCNESS survey north end of line (SGY-17, 15, 13, and 11).
08:00: Begin SGX survey at SGX-04
08:30: Abort line for whale studies
12:15: Small boat away for whale work
14:35: Small boat returned
15:23: Collected water for prod study
15:45: Underway for seabird collecting
16:30: Collected fulmars and short-tailed shearwaters from convergence slicknear SGY-9.
17:45: Small boat on board, back to looking for whales
18:20: Small boat away for whale studies
22:30: Cast for productivity experiment in area of high chlorophyll; water held to next day for workup.
22:55: Small boat back from whale work
5 June: 00:01: CTD survey of Seguam X-line at night to beat weather: (SGX04, 03, 02, 01); no bird or mammal observations
04:30: CTD Survey of the Amukta Pass $X$ line (AMX-05, 04, 03, 02, 01); no mammal observations, bird obs. for last two segments only. End 09:00
11:44: Acoustic Survey with bird and mammal observations of Amukta Pass fromAMY- 01 to AMY-17.
13:03: Deploy drifter \# 36264 at AMY-04 ( $52^{\circ} 02.66^{\prime} \mathrm{N}, 171^{\circ} 41.80^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$ )
15:56: Break line for photos of killer whales
17:05: CTD cast for productivity study
17:30: Resume Acoustic Survey
19:58: Finish Acoustic Survey
20:01: CTD cast for Productivity station
20:24: Photos of Killer Whales
21:32: Begin CTD/CaIVET survey south through Amukta Pass: (AMY-17, 15)
6 June: 00:38: Continue CTD/CaIVET survey of Amukta Pass (AMY-13, 11, 09, $08,06,04)$ No bird or mammal observations; foul weather.
09:40: Complete CTD/CaIVET survey and run for cover in Islands of Four Mountains
15:00: North side of Yunaska Island, Bird and Mammal surveys into Islands of Four Mountains
21:56: Anchor Up for weather
7-9 June Samalga Pass
7 June: 12:30: Begin CTD/CaIVET survey of Samalga Y-line (SAY-16, 14, 12, 10)
17:24: Broke off because of bad weather went to anchor up.
8 June: 09:30: Complete CTD/CaIVET survey of southern end of Samalga Pass on an ebb tide (SAY-02, 04, 06, 08 and 10)
12:46: Deploy drifter \# 36265 at $52^{\circ} 38.33^{\prime} \mathrm{N} 169^{\circ} 28.22^{\prime} \mathrm{W}$
15:00: Collecting birds near SAY-10 (Fulmars)
16:42: CTD Survey of Samalga X-line (SAX-05, 04, 03, 02, 01)
19:30: Searching for killer whales
9 June: 00:30: MOCNESS sampling of Samalga Pass (SAY-14, 10, 06, 02)
07:37: Commence Acoustic Survey of Samalga Pass against an ebbingtide (SAY-02 to SAY-14).
13:56: Abort Acoustic survey at SAY-11 to photograph and biopsy killer whales
18:20: Restart Acoustic survey at SAY-11 and run to SAY-14.
19:30: Complete Acoustic survey and underway to Umnak Pass
10-11 June Umnak Pass
10 June: 07:00: Brief look for whales, off effort
10:07: Begin CTD/CalVET survey of Umnak Pass (with ebbing tide)(Stations at UMY-08, 07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01); killer whales seen, passingmode only.
16:30: Start Acoustic survey of Umnak Pass from UMY- 01 to UMY-08
20:53: Abort Acoustic survey at UMY-07 to work killer whales
11 June: 07:00: Whale and bird observations from Umnak Pass to Unimak Pass.
12:52: Launch small boat for killer whale work
18:00: Working killer whales
20:00: Killer whales encountered, passing mode only
12-19 June Unimak and Akutan Passes
12 June: 01:30: MOCNESS Survey of north end of Unimak Pass (UNY-20, 23, 27)
06:00: CTD Cast for Productivity study (UNY-27)
06:22: Begin Acoustic Survey of Unimak Pass from UNY-27 to UNY-6
11:03: CTD for Productivity study at UNY-15
15:07: Begin CTD and CaIVET Net survey of Unimak Pass (Stations at: UNY-6, 8, $12,14,16,18,20,22,24,27$ ).
13 June: 04:07: MOCNESS Survey north end of Akutan Pass (AKY-19, 17)07:02: Begin time series of CTD casts at AKY-16 to document tidal incursions
22:00: End CTD series (16 casts, $1 / \mathrm{hr}$ ) and head for shelter.
14 Jurie: 00:00: At anchor due to foul weather
10:28: Underway to Dutch for dental clinic and shelter
15 June: 12:00: Depart Dutch Harbor for AKY-line
13:49: CTD and CalVET Net survey of Akutan Line (AKY-19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 09,07, 05, 03, 01)
22:30: Underway for MOCNESS stations
16 June: 00:30: MOCNESS Survey south end of Akutan Pass (AKY-07, 04, 01)
05:00: Acoustic survey of Akutan Y-line from AKY-01 to AKY-19 with bird and mammal observations.
13:25: Begin search for killer whales
17:00: Working killer whales
17:45: Broke off because of ship traffic
18:15: Collecting foraging seabirds
19:00: Looking for killer whales
19:30: Working killer whales
20:30: Shifted to working humpback whales
21:05: Deploy acoustic survey gear across an area where hurnpback whales and birds foraging.
21:40: Underway to MOCNESS deployment stations

17 June: 01:10: MOCNESS survey north end of Akutan Pass (AKY-14)
07:40: Drop G. Hunt at Dutch Harbor, K. Coyle Chief Scientist
08:00: Underway for Unimak Pass
11:30: Sighted and lost contact with killer whales
13:15: CTD survey along frontal feature where birds and humpback whales aggregated (KRX-07, 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01)
15:45: Acoustic survey across frontal feature from KRY-01 to KRY-09.
20:25: CTD survey across frontal feature with stations at KRY-09, 08, 07, 06, 04, 03, 02.

18 June: 00:30: MOCNESS survey (KRY-05.5, UNY-11)
07:00: Begin killer whale search near Unimak Island
07:15: Working killer whale group
09:15: Searching for killer whales
12:00: Working killer whale group
13:30: Searching for killer whales
14:15: Working killer whale groups
16:20: Underway for UNY-26
18:45: Bird survey through Unimak Pass from UNY-26 to UNY-11
23:10: Transect terminated prematurely because of darkness
19 June: 01:00: MOCNESS survey south end of Unimak Pass (UNY-6, UNY-01)
03:20: Calibration of HTI acoustic device
07:00: Underway to Dutch Harbor
14:00: Arrive Dutch Harbor

## Summary Of Results <br> Overview

In 2002, we were in the eastern portion of our Aleutian Islands study area (Fig. 1) nearly a month earlier than we were in 2001. Therefore, in 2002, we began our sampling in Unimak and Akutan Passes on 20 May, before proceeding to Tanaga Pass, from which we worked our way eastward back to Unimak and Akutan Passes, where we finished up on 19 June. By visiting Unimak and Akutan Passes at both the beginning and the end of the cruise, we minimized aliasing our comparisons of eastern and western passes with a seasonal signal. This approach also allowed us to compare late spring and early summer conditions in the two eastern passes.

In 2002, we experienced considerable stormy weather, with low pressure systems moving through the Aleutians with intervals of one or two days of calrn weather between twoto three-day periods of stormy weather. This high frequency of storms and the loss of several days of sampling because of poor weather necessitated a conservative approach to our cruise plan. Thus, to conserve potential weather days, we went no farther west than Tanaga Pass. As we managed to keep or exceed our planned work rate in the western passes, we added investigation of Umnak Pass and a more thorough study of Unimak Pass than was originally anticipated.

To accomplish our goals, we conducted transects through and across the passes to assess physical processes usirig CTD casts. Zooplankton distribution and abundance were assessed with acoustic surveys, and tows of CaIVET and MOCNESS nets. Chlorophyll abundance was measured at each CTD station, and rates of primary production were measured at a subset of stations within the passes. The distributions and abundances of birds and marine mammals were assessed during each of the surveys along the fixed transects, and additional inshore surveys were conducted to search for killer whales. In 2002, we conducted 164 CTD casts for determination of hydrographic structure, nutrients ( 750 samples), and chlorophyll abundarice ( 765 determinations), $35{ }^{14} \mathrm{C}$-based studies of primary production, and collected 690 samples of phytoplankton for cell counts. Zooplankton sampling included 83 tows of a CaIVET net for zooplankton cornrnunity composition, 51 deployments of a MOCNESS multiple-opening-closing net for zooplanktorı abundance, and approximately 920 km of acoustic surveys. In addition, we conducted 1520 km of marine bird surveys, collected 10 short-tailed shearwaters, 18 northern fulmars and 5 least auklets for determination of food habits. We completed 350 hours of marine mammal surveys, conducted photo-ID encounters with 23 pods of killer whales and obtained 26 biopsy samples from killer whales in the study area.

This year's cruise yielded a number of exciting findings including: documentation of the westernmost pass with a significant northward flow of Alaska Coastal Current Water; a repeat of last year's finding of a strong east-west gradient in primary production and zooplankton abundance and species composition; a strong east-west shift in species composition of marine birds and their diets; and strong seasonal and east-west variations in the species composition and abundance of cetaceans. As was the case last year, we saw very few pinnipeds in the water anywhere in our study area. We had remarkable opportunities to observe foraging seabirds in a number of passes, but the most impressive

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were extraordinarily large aggregations of shearwaters foraging on euphausiids at frontal structures at the northwest corner of Unimak Pass. There were more than 100 humpback whales amongst the shearwaters. A remarkable concentration of killer whales was found foraging on fish (that appeared to be salmon) in Samalga Pass. Several groups of what were apparently transient-ecotype killer whales were encountered feeding on a gray whale calf in Unimak Pass.

We have begun to accrue the data necessary to show that there are striking stepfunctions in the physics, primary production, zooplankton types and biomass, and in the species composition and foraging ecology of marine birds as one goes from the eastern to central Aleutian Islands. These shifts in the marine ecosystem are at similar locations to those where sea lion diets change, and where regional population trajectories of sea lions may change. Our data also show that killer whales are numerous in the region, and that there are transient-ecotypes present that could be predators of sea lions. Given the numbers of resident-ecotype killer whales in the region and their foraging habits, it would be interesting to know whether they could be significant competitors with sea lions for Atka mackerel, salmon, herring and other forage fishes in the passes.

## Unimak and Akutan Passes

In 2002, we visited the Unimak/Akutan study area between 19 and 26 May, and again between 12 June and 19 June (Fig.2, 3). In 2001, we were there between 14 and 20 June. As in 2001, in Unimak and Akutan passes in 2002, we found that cold, salty water was being pushed up into the passes from the north during ebb tides (Fig. 4-7). We expect that this water is a source of nutrient replenishment of the surface waters to the north of, and in the pass. Strong salinity and temperature fronts separated the fresher, warmer waters in the south from the colder, saltier water from the Bering Sea.

In May 2002, chlorophyll was abundant in the surface waters of both Unimak and Akutan passes, as well as to the north and south of the passes (Fig. 4a, 6a), suggesting that the spring phytoplankton bloom was still in progress. This was in marked contrast to the situation in June 2002 (and June 2001), when we found little chlorophyll present in the passes (Fig. 5a, 7a). In June 2001, but not in June 2002, we found elevated levels of chlorophyll in the stratified water just north of these passes, whereas in June 2002, the little chlorophyll that was present occurred south of the passes (Fig. 5a, 7a). A set of 16 CTD casts taken at hourly intervals on the shelf at the north end of Akutan Pass illustrated the intrusion of cold, salty water at depth, and the presence of a small patch of chlorophyll that was advected into the pass near the end of the ebb tide (Fig. 8).

Acoustic surveys in May 2002 showed that copepods were abundant in Unimak and Akutan passes, as well as to the north and the south of the passes (Fig. 9, 10). There was also a considerable biomass of euphausiids at the north end of Akutan Pass, with lesser amounts present at the riorth erid of Unimak Pass. In May 2002, large biomasses of fish were detected in the north-central portion of Unimak Pass, and at the north end of Akutan Pass. By June 2002, there was comparatively little biomass present in Akutan Pass or in Unimak Pass with the exception of a large biomass of what were probably euphausiids at the north end of Unimak Pass (Fig. 11, 12).

In May 2002, seabirds were scarce in Unimak and Akutan passes when compared to what we encountered in June 2001 (Fig. 13, 14). On 12 June 2002, numbers of migrant shearwaters (Puffinus spp.) (Fig. 15) and puffins (Fratercula spp.) (Fig. 16) had increased compared to what we had found in May 2002 (Fig. 23, 24). However, visibility during these surveys was very poor, and we may have missed important concentrations. In May 2002, marine mammals in these passes were scarce compared to what we found in other passes, but humpback whales (Megaptera novaeangliae) were more prevaient here than elsewhere (Fig. 17). Few marine mammals were seen in the 12 June CTD and Acoustic surveys because viewing conditions were extremely poor (fog).

However, when we returned to Unimak Pass on 16 June, we encountered 100+ humpbacked whales (Fig. 18) and several million short-tailed shearwaters (Puffinus tenuirostris) foraging at the north end of the pass over dense concentrations of biomass (Fig. 19). The shearwaters and srnaller numbers of northern fulmars (Fulmarus glacialis) were foragirig on euphausiids that were concentrated in patches and long streaks that gave the sea surface a reddish color. In several instances, fish about 25 cm long were boiling at the surface, or could be seen swimming below the surface layers of euphausiids. They appeared
similar to the herring (Clupea pallasi) caught in 2001 at the north end of Akutan Pass. The humpback whales were in pairs of adults, and were making short dives. There was no indication as to what prey they were eating. On 17 June we did a pair of transects along the frontal area and a pair of transects across the frontal area to take CTD measurements and to obtain acoustic profiles of the biomass in the water (Fig. 20). We also obtained MOCNESS tows to characterize the species composition of the biomass concentrations in the vicinity of the frontal system. The CTD profiles along the front revealed areas of strong convergence, possibly associated with a mesoscale meander, at which chlorophyll was concentrated (Fig. 21). The cross-shelf CTD transect showed evidence of on-shelf movement of water where tidal currents impinged on the bathymetry of the pass (Fig. 22). Acoustic data showed large amounts of biomass being forced up into the pass (Fig. 23), much of which was likely euphausiids, given the preliminary examination of the MOCNESS tows. This biomass was also patchily distributed along the frontal system (Fig. 24). Shearwaters were concentrated at the top of the shelf edge (Fig.25, 26), where the euphausiids were being concentrated (Fig. 23). A transect along the Unimak Pass Y-line on 18 June showed that shearwaters on this line were concentrated at the north end of the line (Fig. 27). This transect did not capture the highest concentrations of shearwaters as they were north of the point where the line had to be started. Neither the shearwaters nor the humpback whales were in evidence in May or at the beginning of our visit 11 or 12 June. Likewise, they were reported absent by R. Pitman (Pers. Com.) who transited Unimak Pass about 13 July. In this set of visits to Unimak Pass (16-18 June), several pods of killer whales were encountered, including three or four that were likely to have been residents and three that were eating a gray whale (Eschrichtius robustus) calf on the eastern side of Unimak Pass.

In summary, our three visits (May 2002 and June 2001 and 2002) to the Unimak/Akutan passes region suggest a strong seasonal shift in productivity and fauna between mid-May and mid-June. There is accumulating evidence that ebbing tides consistently result in the movement of cold, salty water from depth into the northern ends of the passes. However, it seems that flood tides do not bring similar cold, salty water into the southern ends of the passes, perhaps because of the wide expanse of shelf south of the passes. There also appears to be considerable inter-annual variation in the amounts of chlorophyll and zooplankton present in these passes. In May 2002, these passes did not appear to support high numbers of foraging marine birds or mammals. However, moderately high numbers of small auklets were present in the tide rips of Akutan Pass. In June 2002, there were modest numbers of alcids present in Akutan Pass and immense numbers of shearwaters concentrated in the Bering Sea side of Unimak Pass. In contrast, in June 2001, high numbers of seabirds foraged in Akutan Pass, with lower numbers found in Unimak Pass. Cetaceans were moderately abundant in these passes in June 2001, and in 2002, they were scarce in Akutan Pass and abundant in Unimak Pass.
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Abundance of birds along the Akutan Pass Y-line transect (May 22-26, 2002)
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Abundance of birds along the Unimak Pass Y-line transect (June 12, 2002)
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Abundance of birds along the Akutan Pass Y-line transect (June 15-16, 2002)
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## Abundance of birds along the Unimak Pass Y-line transect (June 18, 2002)

(only birds feeding and sitting on the water)


## Umnak Pass

We visited Umnak Pass on 10 June 2002 (Fig. 28). To facilitate sampling the pass, our CTD (Fig. 29a) and acoustic (Fig. 30a) surveys were timed to coincide with minimal tidal flow at the time of the CTD survey in the narrowest portion of the pass (Fig. 29b, 30b). This timing resulted in failure to determine if tidal flow would push cold, salty water from depth into the pass (Fig. 30a). Within the pass, little chlorophyll was present. Zooplankton (Fig. 30a) and seabirds (Fig. 31) were patchy. Additional analysis will be required to determine whether the strong acoustic signals were generated by bubbles in convergences, but a large flock of tufted puffins (Fratercula cirrhata) was encountered near a front during the CTD survey. Dall's porpoises (Phocoenoides dalli) were encountered in the pass. To the north of the pass, near the shelf edge, killer whales were encountered. This small, narrow pass was not an important foraging habitat for marine birds or mammals when we visited it.
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Abundance of birds along the Umiak Pass Y-line transect (June 10, 2002) (only birds feeding and sitting on the water)

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## Samalga Pass

We visited Sarnalga Pass between 7 and 9 June 2002 (Fig. 32). Because of weather and timing considerations, our CTD survey of the pass was broken into two segments, both of which were run with the tide flowing from the pass to deeper water (Fig. 33, 34). Thus there was no opportunity to determine if cold, salty water from depth is mixed into the upper layers of the water column by tidal action (Fig. 33a, 34a). A transect across the pass showed northward flow of warm, relatively fresh water (Fig. 35a,b). This may be the farthest west that the Alaska Coastal Current penetrated in 2002. Chlorophyll levels were low within the pass, with the highest values seen at the southern extremity of the Y -line (Fig. 33a). Concentrations of zooplankton appeared to be low in this pass, with the highest concentrations occurring at the extreme southern end (Fig. 36). The pass had unusually conspicuous tide rips and fronts. Convergence slicks associated with the fronts supported high numbers of foraging fulmars that sat on the surface pecking (Fig. 37). Birds collected from these aggregations were foraging primarily on copepods. A remarkable concentration of killer whales was encountered a bit north of the center of the pass in an area of dimpled water next to a front. These animals were milling about and appeared to be chasing fish. One surfaced just in front of the boat with what looked like a salmon. These killer whales stayed in the same area for a couple of hours, with many spy-hopping, breaching, and riding the 1 to 2 m high breaking waves. This pass appeared to be an irnportant foraging area for surface-foraging marine birds and possibly for killer whales.
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## Abundance of birds along the Samalga Pass Y-line transect (June 7-9, 2002)

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## Amukta Pass

Amukta Pass was studied on 5 and 6 June under deteriorating weather conditions (Fig. 38). The X-line was run at night (Fig. 39), and immediately following its completion, we ran the acoustic survey from south to north (Fig. 40) and then the CTD/CaIVET survey from north to south (Fig. 41). For most of the acoustic run, the tides were running north; during the CTD survey, were initially running north from the pass to deeper water, and then southward for the middle of the survey, and finally northward again (Fig. 40b). Much of the CTD survey was run at night. There was some evidence of cooler water coming from depth to 50 m north of and over the pass, but no evidence that this was contributing to elevated chlorophyll concentrations, which remained low throughout the pass (Fig. 41a). The little chlorophyll that was present was mostly in the extreme south. Physical data from the X-line suggested little geostrophic flow, and the possible presence of two eddies, one on the east side and one on the west (Fig. 39a). Zooplankton concentrations appeared low, with the possible exception of an area of elevated acoustic return just north of the pass (Fig. 40a). Birds and cetaceans were scarce throughout the pass during the acoustic survey Fig. 42 and 43). This pass did not appear to be an important habitat for supporting large concentrations of higher trophic level species in either 2001 or 2002.

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## Abundance of birds along the Amukta Pass Y-line transect (June 5, 2002)

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## Seguam Pass

Seguam Pass was studied from 2 to 5 June (Fig. 44). Our work was cut short by stormy weather. There was little evidence of cold, salty water being advected onto the pass (Fig. 45a), but the timing of our CTD line with respect to the tide may have resulted in a failure to capture this feature, if it was present (Fig. 45b). There was evidence of a current running eastward north of the pass and another moving westward south of the pass (Fig. 45a). Our cross-pass transect on 5 June showed evidence of flow through the pass (Fig. 46). At the northern end of the pass there a patch of chlorophyll-rich water (Fig. 45a) which was again encountered on our cross-pass line (Fig. 46a). Within the patch of high chlorophyll, potential primary production was high (See Productivity section, page 107). Otherwise little chlorophyll was present and primary production rates were low. Acoustic measures of zooplankton biomass showed that there was little zooplankton biomass in the pass (Fig. 47). High numbers of marine birds were present in the pass, dominated by northern fulmars that were feeding in convergence zones at frontal regions in the pass and along the sides of approaches to the pass (Fig. 48). Stomachs of fulmars collected in these large flocks contained primarily copepods and a few euphausiids. Some shearwaters were also present, and the few collected there had eaten euphausiids. Although a few minke, killer, and sperm whales were seen in the vicinity of this pass, the most common cetacean there was Dall's porpoise (Fig. 49).

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Abundance of birds along the Seguam Pass Y-line transect (June 2-3, 2002)
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## Tanaga Pass

We visited Tanaga Pass from 29 to 31 May (Fig. 50). A CTD transect along the length of the pass provided evidence of salty water being pushed into the pass at depth from the north, and of a strong convergence over the center of the pass (Fig. 51a). Tidal flow at the time of the start of the transect was weak (Fig. 51b), and thus we may not have captured the full effect of advection of salty water from the north. Chlorophyll concentrations were generally very low, with an almost complete absence of detectable chlorophyll over the center of the pass. A cross-pass CTD transect showed little evidence of transport through the pass. (Fig. 52a, b). Acoustic surveys for zooplankton showed near-surface patches of small targets to the north of the pass, which were likely advected into the pass by the ebbing tide (Fig. 53a, b). In the vicinity of the convergence zones in the pass, high densities of least auklets and other small alcids were encountered foraging (Fig. 54). A small sample of least auklet stomachs showed them to be eating copepods and, in one case, amphipods. These observations of auklet feeding ecology are similar to those obtained in the nearby Delarof Islands (Hunt et al., 1996). Dall's porpoises were abundant throughout the Tanaga Pass region (Fig. 55). Sperm whales (Physeter macrocephalus) were also abundant, but primarily in the canyons and along the escarpment to the north of the pass and the Delarof Islands. Killer whales were also present on the north side of Tanaga Pass and north of the Delarofs (Fig. 55).
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Abundance of birds along the Tenaga Pass $Y$-line transect (May 29-30, 2002)
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## Physical Oceanography

To quantify the differences in the physical habitats of Steller sea lions in the eastern and central Aleutian Islands, we conducted conductivity, temperature, depth (CTD) casts through seven passes (Fig. 1, p. 19) (Unimak [Fig. 2, p. 23; Fig. 4a, p. 25; Fig. 5a, p.27], Akutan [Fig. 3, p. 24; Fig. 6a, p. 29; Fig.7a, p. 31], Umnak [Fig. 28. p. 59; Fig. 29a, p. 60], Samalga [Fig. 32, p. 66; Fig. 33a, p. 67; Fig. 34a, p.69], Amukta [Fig. 38, p. 76; Fig 39a, p. 77], Seguam [Fig. 44, p. 86; Fig. 45a, p. 87], and Tanaga [Fig. 50, p. 96; Fig. 51a, p. 97]. To measure flow through the passes, we conducted CTD casts across four passes (Samaiga [Fig. 35a, p. 71], Amukta [Fig. 39a, p. 77], Seguam [Fig. 46a, p. 89], and Tanaga [Fig. 52a, p. 99]). When possible, local tidal currents were taken into consideration in timing surveys through the passes (Fig. 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 9b, 10b, 10c, 12b, 29b, 40b, 46b, 51b, 41b, 45b,51b, $52 b$ ). In addition, we made a CTD cast every hour for a full ebb and flood tidal cycle at a site in northern Akutan Pass (Fig.8, p. 33).

The cross-pass density differences necessary to create geostrophic currents were greatest at Samalga Pass and Seguam Pass. In Amukta Pass, the transect appeared to contain two eddies affecting the upper 100m (Fig. 39a, p.77), and the reversal of flow associated with the eddies is apparent in the flow at the surface (Fig. 39b, p. 78).

The eastern passes (Unimak, Akutan, and Umnak Pass) are shallower and generally narrower than the western passes (Samalga, Amukta, Seguam, and Tanaga Pass). The shelf south of the eastern passes is broader than it is farther west. This isolates the eastern passes somewhat from "true" Pacific water, but exposes them to Alaska Coastal water flowing westward near the shore. We saw the low-salinity signature of Alaska Coastal water as far west as Samalga Pass, where it was diverted to flow northward through the eastern half of the pass (Fig. 35a, p. 71). Therefore, the minimum salinity at Unimak Pass was near 32 PSU, but west of Samalga Pass, it was near 33 PSU. The shelf to the north of all the passes is narrow and Bering Sea water is pulled up into all the passes during strong southward tides; this is especially visible at the Unimak Pass transect on 25 May (Fig. 4a, p.25). Many of the passes, like Unimak Pass and Amukta Pass, have a deeper "valley" in the northern part of the pass (Fig. 4a,b, p. 25, 26; Fig.41b, p. 82). It might be interesting to see if these valleys can store Bering Sea water deposited there during a strong tidal cycle, and if that storage would be of any importance to local conditions.

Temperature is affected by local heating or cooling, advection of colder or warmer water from elsewhere, upwelling of colder water from deeper in the ocean, mixing by wind, and mixing by tides in the passes. Temperature was cooler this year than last year. For example, the maximum temperature in Unimak Pass was greater than $7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ last year, and near $6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in June of this year. The pass warmed by about a degree during the three weeks between late May and mid-June of this year. Temperature was warmer in the eastern passes than the western passes, probably because of the larger reservoir of cold subsurface water available to be mixed up to near the surface in the west. Surface temperatures were warmest south of the passes, decreased in the passes because of mixing there, and increased to intermediate values north of the passes.

The station that we occupied in Akutan Pass to monitor tidal conditions (Fig. 8, p. 33) was in roughly 90 m of water, about 10 km south of the shelf break. Tides were ebbing during the first half of the period. The maximum ebb current, at about 5 hours, was predicted to be greater than 8 knots in the pass itself as was the maximum flood 6 hours later. During the ebb, colder more saline water was pulled in from farther north to occupy the lower 40 m of the water column (Fig. 8, p. 33). Since tidal currents out of the immediate pass are unlikely to be rectilinear, we need to examine the tidal patterns in northern Akutan Pass to determine how far the upwelled water may have progressed.

## Productivity and Nutrient Studies

During the cruise, we determined primary production in the on-deck incubators at 32 stations through June 14. Some stations were visited twice to assess variability. Chlorophyll concentrations were determined at 137 stations, usually at standard depths of $0,10,20,30$, and 50 meters, as well as at several at deeper depths. These samples were for calibrating the in situ fluorometer, although they will also be used in the production calculations. Samples for phytoplankton cell counts were taken at same stations and depths as the chlorophyll samples. In addition to the transect stations, we also sampled at the surface and bottom for chlorophyll and cell counts at the 16 -hour station in Akutan pass. During the cruise, we employed a Pulse Amplitude Modulated (PAM) Fluorometer (Water-PAM, Heinz Walz GmbH ) to investigate the physiological efficiency of the photosynthetic mechanism. We measured the maximal photochemical yield (Fv/Fm) and the apparent Electron Transport Rate (ETR) at 8 light intensities to generate a light curve, similar to the ${ }^{14} \mathrm{C}$ incubation experiments.

While primary production for the water column could not be calculated while on board, we were able to calculate P-I curves and the parameters of the equation. Using SYSTAT, we calculated $P_{\text {max }}$, alpha (Fig. 56), and the intercept for the Jasby and Platt hyperbolic tangent function. When applied to non-standardized uptake rates, $P_{\max }$ gives the potential maximal rate of photosynthesis ( $\mathrm{mg} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{m}^{-3} \mathrm{hr}^{-1}$ ) in the water. If the uptake rates are standardized to chlorophyll concentration, they give the maximal photosynthetic uptake rate per unit chlorophyll ( $\mathrm{P}_{\text {max }}^{\mathrm{b}}$ ), a measure of efficiency.

Results show that Akutan and Unimak as a whole had the highest rates of production, as well as chlorophyll concentrations (Fig. 57,58). At the western passes, production and chlorophyll were much lower. The exception was Seguam Pass, where the potential for high production rates was found in the patch of high chlorophyll concentration at the start of the east-west transect (Fig. 59). Unlike last year, there was no distinct trend for higher production on the north or south side of the passes (Fig. 57,59). The trends in $P_{\text {max }}$ in both Unimak and Akutan were almost identical to the trends of Fv/Fm determined by PAM fluorometry (Fig. 60). Tanaga Pass was also very similar in both measures. Urimak, Seguam, and Amukta passes show differing trends in $P_{\max }$ and Fv/Fm. At this point it is unclear why the differences exist. One possible explanation is that we noticed instabilties in signals from the PAM at several points, but not consistently. We diagnosed part of the problem as a loose EPROM chip. Reseating the chip solved most of the instability, after which the results were much more consistent.

During the 16 -hour station in Akutan, we were able to collect Fv/Fm measurements for both surface and bottom samples (Fig. 61). These show that phytoplankton in the bottom layer were not very efficient photosynthesizers. The Fv/Fm values ranged, on average, between 0.2 and 0.4. It is generally accepted that a maximum value for $\mathrm{Fv} / \mathrm{Fm}$ is $0.8-0.835$ in higher plants, and in phytoplankton it is probably close to 0.7 . The surface values showed a changing trend during the 16 hours, which reflected the tidal change in the pass. The high values of $\mathrm{Fv} / \mathrm{Fm}$ in the surface marked times when chlorophyll was also more abundant. At the surface these values ranged to 0.6 and higher, indicating that phytoplankton from surface waters were healthier than those in the bottom waters.

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## Zooplankton

The goal of the zooplankton and acoustics component of the Aleutian Passes Project was to characterize the abundance, biomass, species composition and distribution of major zooplankton and micronekton taxa in the region around the Aleutian passes. Since zooplankton are the primary food of forage fishes, characterization of the zooplankton resources is central to understanding processes influencing the concentration, distribution and composition of Steller sea lion forage species in critical sea lion habitat. Samples were taken both north and south of the passes as well as in the passes.

Zooplankton samples were collected with a CaIVET (CaICOFI vertical egg tow) net and a MOCNESS (Multiple Opening Closing Net and Environmental Sampling System) system. The CalVETs were equipped with 0.15 mm mesh nets and General Oceanics digital flow meters to monitor volume filtered. The nets were fished vertically from 100 m depth to the surface or from 5 m above the bottom to the surface in shallower regions. The MOCNESS sensors measured volume filtered, net angle, depth, salinity, temperature and fluorescence. The MOCNESS was equipped with nine 0.500 mm mesh nets, which were fished at discrete depths to obtain depth distributions of the major taxa.

The acoustic equipment consisted of an $\mathrm{HTl}^{-1}$ (Hydroacoustics Technology Inc.) model 244 digital echosounder with transducer frequencies of $38,120,200$ and 420 kHz . All of the transducers are split beam and therefore collected target strength data in addition to volume scattering. The transducer array was towed beside the vessel at $5-6$ knots during surveys. In addition, acoustic data were taken during each MOCNESS tow to aid in scaling the acoustic data. Early in the cruise, the preamp in the 38 kHz transducer failed. Failure of the 38 kHz transducer will complicate interpretation of the data, since the 38 kHz data are important for distinguishing fish and plankton targets. In addition to the narrow-band HTI system, an experimental broad-band system was used. The broad-band system was multiplexed with the narrow-band HTI system to provide broad band target information for each depth interval and integration interval in the upper 200 m . Since the broad-band system characterizes the frequency response of targets between 110 and 190 kHz , it may provide a means of recovering some of the information lost by the failure of the HTI 38 kHz transducer.

CalVET samples were taken at CTD (Conductivity Temperature Depth) stations taken on transect lines through Unimak, Akutan, Samalga, Amukta, Seguam, and Tanaga passes. MOCNESS samples were taken at stations along the transect lines through Unimak, Akutan, Samalga, Seguam, and Tanaga passes. Acoustic transects were run through Unimak, Akutan, Umnak, Samalga, Amukta, Seguam, and Tanaga passes. The above sampling plan has generated sufficient material to allow us to characterize of the zooplankton resources in the passes and on either side of the passes.

Figures (Unimak Pass: Fig. 9a, 11a; Akutan Pass: Fig. 10a, 12a; Umnak Pass: 30a; Samalga Pass: Fig. 36; Amukta Pass: Fig. 40a; Seguam pass: Fig. 47a; Tanaga Pass: Fig. 53a) show the distribution of volume scattering through the passes for each of the four frequencies. Preliminary observation of volume scattering suggests that considerably higher densities of sound scattering organisms may occur in the eastern region (Unimak - Akutan) relative to the western area (Samalga, Amukta, Seguam and Tanaga passes). Much of the
passes). Much of the scattering in the Unimak - Akutan area appeared to be from euphausiids, which were often the dominant organisms by weight in the MOCNESS samples. Additional scattering may have resulted from gadid fish larvae, which can dominate the acoustic return when they are present at high densities. Zooplankton in the western region seemed to be dominated by copepods. Zooplankton samples in the eastern region contained large amounts of phytoplankton in May, but phytoplankton was not observed in the June samples.

The zooplankton samples will be returned to the laboratory for analysis. Information from the samples will include the species composition, life history stages of the copepod taxa, the abundance and wet weight biomass of all the taxa and stages. The acoustic data will be analyzed using analytical and empirical sound scattering models and correlation techniques. Neural net software may aid in relating the acoustic signatures of both the narrow and broadband data to sound scattering organisms collected by the MOCNESS. In addition, broadband signatures from previous trawl studies may aid in identifying fish targets not sampled by the MOCNESS. Statistical comparisons of the distribution, composition, abundance and biomass of the zooplankton in each of the passes should help document any consistent differences in zooplankton resources between the eastern and western regions of the Aleutian archipelago.

## Marine Birds

The goal of the marine ornithology component was to use seabirds as indicators of the potential of different regions to support upper trophic level organisms, including Steller sea lions. The rationale was that birds, depending upon species, forage on the prey of sea lion prey, or share the use of small fishes consumed by sea lions. Thus regions or processes that support high densities of seabirds might be expected to also be favorable foraging areas for sea lions. Thus, the objective of the seabird component of this study was to assess whether there were greater numbers of foraging seabirds in Pacific versus Bering Sea waters, and whether passes with certain characteristics, such as those with shallow sills, might support more birds. We also wished to determine whether there were certain physical oceanographic processes that might enhance the foraging opportunities of top predators within or near the passes.

Seabird observations were made during daylight when the ship was underway at speeds of 5 knots or greater within the study area. All birds within an arc of $90^{\circ}$ from the bow to the side with the best visibility were counted from the bridge, and were recorded on a laptop computer for analysis. Behaviors of all birds were recorded

In Unimak, Samalga, Seguam and Tanaga passes, we sampled the abundant seabird species at foraging aggregations. Stomach contents were removed from birds within 1 hour of collection, and stored in $80 \%$ ETOH. Northern fulmars were collected in Unimak (1 bird) Seguam ( 9 birds) and Samalga Pass ( 8 birds). Five short-tailed shearwaters were collected in Seguam Pass and 5 in Unimak Pass. Four least auklets (Aethia pusilla) were collected in Tanaga Pass. Auklets were eating copepods, fulmars had been eating copepods and a mixture of copepods and euphausiids; shearwaters were eating exclusively euphausiids. Details of prey species and stage composition will be determined by microscopic examination in the laboratory.

During the cruise, we surveyed a total of 1,520 kilometers: 190.1 km on the northern side of the Aleutian Islands, 310 km on the southern side and 1011 km within the passes. We counted a total of 95,683 seabirds between Unimak Pass (eastern survey limit) and Tanaga Pass (western survey limit); 71,925 of them were feeding or sitting on the water. The most abundant seabirds were small alcids (least, crested [A. cristatella], parakeet [Cyclorrhynchus psittacula], and ancient murrelets [Synthliboramphus antiquus], with 28,539 individuals and $40 \%$ of birds observed feeding or on the water), short-tailed shearwaters ( 24,733 individuals, $34 \%$ feeding or on the water), northern fulmars ( 15,575 individuals, $22 \%$ feeding or on the water), and Tufted Puffins ( 2,661 individuals, $4 \%$ feeding or on the water).

Seabird abundance was greater ( 48.0 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ ) on the Pacific Ocean side of the Aleutians than on the Bering Sea side ( 32.7 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ ) (Fig. 62). On both sides of the Aleutian Archipelago, small alcids and northern fulmars were the most common birds. The biggest concentrations occurred as we crossed tiderips associated with nearby passes. Thus these averages do not reflect the densities of seabirds in the shelf waters away from the influence of passes.

Within the passes surveyed, seabird densities were higher in the relatively narrow, shallow passes (Unimak, Umnak, Samalga, Seguam and Tanaga) (Fig. 63). In these passes, large flocks of least auklets, shearwaters, or northern fulmars aggregated to forage at the frontal areas at the ends of the passes (e.g., Fig. 13, 16, 25, 26, 27, 31, 37, 48, 54). Mean seabird abundance was 406 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ in Unimak Pass, 203 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ in Tanaga Pass, 76 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ in Seguam Pass, 51 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ in Samalga Pass,) and 32 birds $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$ in Umnak Pass. In comparison, Amukta Pass, which is wide and deep, supported only 1 bird $/ \mathrm{km}^{2}$.

There was a marked difference in the species composition of the seabirds encountered in the passes. In the eastern passes (Unimak, Akutan and Umnak), short-tailed shearwaters and tufted puffins were the dominant species, in the central passes (Samalga, Amukta and Seguam) fulmars were dominant, whereas in the west (Tanaga Pass), small alcids were dominant. In Unimak Pass, short-tailed shearwaters comprised $98 \%$ of the birds feeding or sitting on the water. In Akutan and Umnak passes, tufted puffins comprised 63\%, and $57 \%$, respecyively, of the birds feeding or sitting on the water. In Samalga, Amukta and Seguam passes, northern fulmars comprised respectively $98 \%, 44 \%$ and $90 \%$ of the birds feeding or sitting on the water. In Tanaga Pass, least auklets comprised $98 \%$ of the birds feeding or sitting on the water.

Within Unimak, Samalga, Seguam and Tanaga, passes, small alcids, northern fulmars and short-tailed shearwaters were observed foraging at frontal regions that crossed the ends of the passes. These were tidal fronts where either stratified Pacific Ocean or Bering Sea waters were interacting with the well-mixed water of the passes. At the northern end of Unimak Pass, short-tailed shearwaters were foraging on euphausiids. Similarly, northern fulmars and short-tailed shearwaters at Seguam Pass were foraging on adult euphausiids (mostly or all Thysanoessa longipes). Shearwaters and fulmars were also found foraging in patches along the sides of the passes with lines of foraging flocks parallel to the long axis of the pass. We were not able to determine if there was a physical mechanism that was organizing these foraging aggregations, although it seems possible that they may be the result of processes in a shear zone that could be separating the fast moving water in the center of the pass from the slower flowing water at the sides. Small alcids and northern fulmars collected at tidal fronts in Samalga, Seaguam and Tanaga passes were foraging mostly on copepods (probably Neocalanus plumcrus/flemingerii).

Fig. 62

Abundance of birds along the Aleutian Islands (May-June, 2002) (only birds feeding and sitting on the water)

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## Fig 63

Abundance of birds at seven passes along the Aleutian Islands (May-June, 2002)
(only birds feeding and sitting on the water)

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## Marine Mammal Studies

The decline of the Steller's sea lion (Eumatopeas jubatus) in the central and western areas of the North Pacific/Bering Sea has precipitated a number of research projects seeking to investigate possible causal factors. One of these is the Aleutian Passes project, focused on two fundamental goals: (1) examination of productivity near sea lion rookeries and haul outs and (2) documentation of the number and ecotype of killer whale (Orcinus orca) in waters between Unimak and Tanaga Passes in the central Aleutian chain. Preliminary results of the second field season of marine mammal observations are presented here.

Marine mammal surveys were conducted throughout the study area (Fig. 1, p. 19) and were focused on the occurrence of killer whales at seven Aleutian passes: Tanaga, Seguam, Amukta, Samalga, Umnak, Akutan, and Unimak (Fig. 64). The passes border Steller's sea lion rookeries and haul outs where populations are either in decline or holding steady, none are increasing.

Marine mammal observers maintained a watch from the port and starboard sides of the bridge (height 9.67 m ) of the RN ALPHA HELIX daily from early morning (0700-0800) to late evening ( 2100 to 2200; hours shifted depending on light conditions) when conditions were suitable (i.e., Beaufort <6; visibility $<.5 \mathrm{~km}$ ). Observers at port and starboard stations searched with naked eye and 7X (or higher) binoculars with reticules (some had no reticules). Observers scanned for one hour at each station, followed by a one-hour break. The two primary observers were assisted in finding marine mammals by seabird researchers conducting surveys from either the port or starboard side (depending on glare), and by the ship's crew. Data were recorded by the starboard observer using WinCruz software on a laptop interfaced directly to the ship's Global Positioning System (GPS). Positions along the cruise track were updated at 2-minute intervals. When marine mammals were seen, estimated bearing and reticule or distance to the sighting, species, and number (best/high/low) of animals were recorded. Sightings of cetaceans other than killer whales were recorded in passing mode, except in two instances when sperm whales (Physter macrocephalus) and humpback whales (Megaptera novaeangliae) were approached to obtain biopsies.

When killer whales were seen within the study area and time permitted, the marine mammal team moved to the bow of the ALPHA HELIX to photograph and biopsy whales as the ship maneuvered into the desired position. On 6 occasions, sea conditions permitted to launch a rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) for additional and sometimes closer access to the whales. The RHIB was deployed with a driver and at least two team members (1 biopsy person and 1 photographer, and sometimes a combination of team members with a ride-along from another project). Whales were approached from behind on their left sides for both photographs and biopsies. Standard identification photographs of their dorsal fins and saddle patches were taken using two Nikon cameras with fixed 300 mm lenses and black and white 1600ASA Fuji film (Dahlheim, 1997). Biopsy tissue samples were taken using either a Larsen gun or crossbow to deliver a hollow-tipped dart. Attempts to biopsy focused on distinctive individuals that were photographed during the encounter. Tissue samples were divided in two samples: a skin sample, stored in DMSO for DNA and isotopic analysis; and a blubber sample, frozen for analysis of contaminants.

## Provisional Results

Approximately 350 hours of survey for marine mammals was completed in the study area (Fig. 1, p. 19). Roughly 135 of 350 ( $39 \%$ ) survey hours were dedicated to search for killer whales and 58 of 135 ( $43 \%$ ) hours were direct effort on sightings, or encounter groups (Table 1). Time allotted to search for killer whales was routinely given either: (1) at the beginning or end of an oceanographic work day (10 occasions-41 hrs-30\%); (2) during transit time to the next pass ( 6 occasions- 63 hrs- $47 \%$ ); (3) seeking a lee during bad weather when other projects could not work ( 5 occasions- 24 hrs- $18 \%$ ); and (4) when oceanographic lines were broken (3 occasions-07 hrs-05\%) (Table 1). Weather and viewing conditions were usually poor compared to the 2001 survey with visibility often reduced to <1-3 nm due to fog, rain, wind, and increased Beaufort sea state to 4-5, and sometimes 6 (Table 1).

Ten marine mammal species were positively identified, three pinniped and seven cetacean. Steller's sea lions (Eumatopeas jubatus) were the most common pinniped seen (when animals hauled out on land were included). None were sighted in the water. Elephant seals (Mirounga angustirostris) and fur seals (Callorhinus ursinus) were also sighted several times each. Dall's porpoise (Phocoenoides dalli) were the cetacean seen most often (Fig. 65) and were abundant throughout the study area. Although ubiquitous, they were particularly common west of Unalaska Island and an order of magnitude higher in Tanaga, Seguam, Amukta, Samalga, and Umnak passes. However, they did not have similar densities in the Unimak/Akutan passes region where sightings were scarce by comparison. Sightings of Dall's porpoise were absent on the south side from Umnak pass to the easternmost region of the study area near the south end of Unimak pass (Fig. 65). Minke whales (Balaenoptera acutorostrata) were sighted 18 times throughout the study area with higher concentrations occurring in the western-most passes of the study area, Tanaga and Seguam (Fig. 66). All other minke whales sightings occurred on the south side of the island chain. Sperm whales (Physeter macrocephalus) were most prolific in the Tanaga pass region near the Delarof Islands where 35 sightings were recorded (Fig. 67). (It is important to note that most of these sightings were recorded over a 1.5-2.0 hrs duration while the ALPHA HELIX was either milling or transiting <4 knots while awaiting the return of the RHIB deployed for biopsy work.) The remaining five sightings of sperm whales occurred in Amukta pass and north of Seguam Island in Seguam pass (Fig. 67). Humpback whales (Megaptera novaeangliae) were sighted east of Amukta pass and occurred most often in the Unimak/Akutan passes region, either in the north end of Unimak pass (one event >100 spread over several miles) or the south end of Akutan pass (Fig. 68). Pacific white-sided dolphins (Lagenorhynchus obliquidens), harbor porpoise (Phocoena phocoena), and Baird's beaked whales (Berardius bairdi) were sighted one time each in the study area. Consistent with the 2001 survey, fin whales (Balaenoptera physalus) were not seen in the study area.

## Killer Whale Encounters and Sightings:

There were 26 sightings of approximately 500 killer whales (summation of the best estimates of group size) seen in the study area from Tanaga Pass to Unimak Pass (Figs.64, 69; Table 1). These provisional counts likely under-represent the total number of animals present because (1) animals were often spread over a large area, (2) time allotted to
tissue samples have not yet been analyzed to determine eco-type, we presume that at 15 of $26(58 \%)$ groups of killer whales encountered are fish eaters (because open or fingers in saddle patches were seen in the group or they exhibited fish-foraging behaviors). With certainty, we conclude that at least one group (observed feeding on gray whale carcass) are mammal-eaters(Tables 1-2). With less certainty, we assume 2-4 additional groups may be mammal-eaters (group numbers were small, individuals had ragged dorsal fins, and other physical and behavioral characteristics of transients were noted) (Tables 1-2). The remaining groups are unknown eco-types because they were either seen in passing mode only, were never resighted, or they had no indicative physical or behavioral characteristics (Table 1-2).

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| ENCOUNTER NUMBER | DATE | LAT/LONG | LOCATION | NUMBER <br> вл1/ | NUMBER SUB-GROUPS | NUMBER MALES | NUMBER <br> CALVES | NUMBER BIOPSIES | *PRESUMED ECO-TYPE | TIME W/ GROUP | PHOTOS | WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5/21/2002 | N54:18.676 W166:03.25 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Akutan Island } \\ & \text { (south of Rootok) } \end{aligned}$ | 12-15-12 | 1 | 4 | 2 (min) | 0 | 7 (T?) | $\begin{gathered} 1200-1430 \\ 2.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | POOR (few if any | Beaufort 4 <br> 5-7' seas; $10-20 \mathrm{kt}$ winds clear visibility |
| 2 | 5/21/2002 | N54:13.29 <br> W166:03.05 | Akutan Island (lava point) | 15-18-12 | 6 | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ (1 \text { calf/l juv) } \end{gathered}$ | 1 | R | $2011-2330$ $3 \text { hrs } 20 \mathrm{~min}$ | GOOD | Beaufor 3 <br> 5-6' seas; 10-15 kt winds <br> 3-5 mi visibility <br> fog and rain |
| 3 | 5/23/2002 | N51:54.34 W172:23.38 | Unalaska (north side) | 9-11-8 | 2-3 | 5 or 6 | 1 | 0 | R | 1740-1930 <br> 1 hr 50 min | FAR | Beaufort 5 <br> 4-6' seas; rough <br> 20 kt winds |
| 4 | 5/24/2002 | N54:17.14 W166:05. 9 | Akutan Island (north of Akutan) | $30+$ | 1 <br> w/fishing boat | $w /$ fishing boat others in area | 2 <br> w/mothers <br> w/fishing boat <br> others in area | 1 | R | $\begin{gathered} 1715-2130 \\ 3.75 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { GOOD } \\ \text { (only of 6-9 } \\ \text { individuals } \\ \text { at most) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Beaufort 5 <br> 6' seas; 15-20 kt winds <br> 2 mi visibility <br> fog and rain |
| 5 | 5/25/2002 | N54:33.29 <br> W165:46.48 | Unimak | 23-25-20 |  | 3 | 1 | 0 | ? | $\begin{gathered} 1030 \\ 0 \mathrm{hrs} \\ \text { (pass) } \end{gathered}$ | none | Beaufort 4 <br> 6' seas; 20 kt winds <br> 2 mi visibility |
| 6 | 5/27/2002 | N51:56.81 W172:58.36 | Anlia Island (south side-east) | 75-100-61 |  | 10 | 20 | 3 | R | $\begin{gathered} 1725-2200 \\ 4.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ |  | Beaufort 2 <br> 6' seas; light winds clear visibility |
| 7 | 5/2912002 | N51:45.22 <br> W178:24.18 | Tanaga pass | 13-15-12 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | R | $\begin{gathered} 0800-1030 \\ 2.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | FAIR (some of all but shot in low light) | Beaufort 4 <br> 15 kt winds <br> 5' seas; fog and rain $1.5-2.5 \mathrm{mi}$ visibility fog and rain |

Table 1. Killer whale sighting data

| ENCOUNTER NUMBER | DATE | LATLONG | LOCATION | B/HL | SUB-GROUPS | MALES |  | NUMBER BIOPSIES | *PRESUMED ECO-TYPE | ENCOUNTER <br> TTME | PHOTOS | WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING |
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| 8 | 5/31/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N51:36 } \\ & \text { W178:52 } \end{aligned}$ | Delarof Islands | 30 | ? | 3 | 5 | 1 | R | $\begin{gathered} 1500-1715 \\ 2.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { POOR } \\ \text { ( } 5-13 \% \\ \text { of group) } \end{gathered}$ | Beaufort 2-3 <br> 3-5' seas; 10 kt winds clear visibility |
| 9 | 6/3/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N52:22.96 } \\ & \text { W172:45.09 } \end{aligned}$ | Seguam Island I | 6-6-6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | R | $\begin{gathered} 2150-2400 \\ 2 \text { hrs } \end{gathered}$ |  | Beaufort 4 <br> 8' seas; 18 kt winds limited visibility |
| 10 | 614/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N52:16.8 } \\ & \text { W172:42.86 } \end{aligned}$ | Seguam Island 2 | 35-50-30 | 6-7 | 9-10 | many | 2 | R | $\begin{gathered} 0800-1430 \\ 6.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { FAIR } \\ \text { (lost } 1 \text { roll } \\ \text { to camera } \\ \text { malfunction) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Beaufort 2 <br> 4' seas; 15 kt variable <br> clear visibility <br> some fog/rain |
| 11 | 6/4/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N52:15.83 } \\ & \text { W172:54.35 } \end{aligned}$ | Seguam Island 3 | 12-15-10 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | R | $\begin{gathered} 1800-2300 \\ 5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { POOR } \\ \text { (distant) } \end{gathered}$ | Beaufort 1-3 <br> 4-6' seas <br> $3-12 \mathrm{kt}$ winds <br> clear/ mostly hazy |
| 12 | 6/5/2002 | N52:29.89 W171:47.30 | Amukta pass 1 (middle) | 4-4-4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | R | $\begin{gathered} 1600-1700 \\ 1 \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | EXCEILENT <br> (good photos of all-100\%) | Beaufort 5 <br> 8' seas <br> 22 kt winds <br> clear visibility |
| 13 | 6/5/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N52:43.88 } \\ & \text { W171:52.20 } \end{aligned}$ | Amukta pass 2 <br> (south end) | 12-11-10 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | R | $\begin{gathered} 2030-2130 \\ 1 \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { POOR } \\ \text { (few and } \\ \text { distant) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Beaufort 5 <br> 4-6' seas; 25 kt wind clear visibility |
| 14 | 6/9/2002 | N52:57.87 W169:26.88 | Samalga pass <br> (north end) | 60-75-50 | ? <br> (initially saw 2 <br> subgroups--then <br> other groups <br> joined the mix) | $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ \text { (possibly more) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \text { (calves + juv } \\ \text { possibly more } \\ \text { of both) } \end{gathered}$ | 4 | R | $\begin{aligned} & 1400-1800 \\ & 4 \mathrm{hrs} \end{aligned}$ | GOOD <br> ( $25 \%-40 \%$ <br> of group) | Beaufort 4-5 <br> 7-8' seas; $15-19 \mathrm{kt}$ wind clear visibility |

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ENCOUNTER } \\ & \text { NUMBER } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | DATE | LATLLONG | LOCATION | B/HL | SUB-GROUPS | $\begin{gathered} \# \\ \text { MALES } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \# \\ \text { CALVES } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | NUMBER BIOPSIES | *PRESUMED ECO-TYPE | ENCOUNTER TIME | PHOTOS | WEATHER AT TIME <br> OF SIGHTING |
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| 15 | 6/10/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N53:35.30 } \\ & \text { W167:39:8 } \end{aligned}$ | Umnak pass (north end) | 3-3-3 | 1 | 1 | ? | 0 | ? | $\begin{gathered} 1100 \\ 0 \text { hrs } \\ \text { (pass) } \end{gathered}$ | NONE | Beaufort 6 <br> 6' seas; 23 kt winds clear visibility |
| 16 | 6/10/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N53:33.23 } \\ & \text { W167:40.81 } \end{aligned}$ | Umnak pass (north end) | $\begin{aligned} & 14-7-714 \\ & (7-7-7) \\ & (5-7-5) \\ & (2-2-2) \end{aligned}$ | 3 (seen in area) (group 1) (group 2) (group 3) | 2 <br> (2) <br> (0) <br> (2) | 0 | 1 | R | $\begin{gathered} 2046-2300 \\ 2 \text { hirs } \end{gathered}$ | POOR (few and most right sides) | Beaufort 6 5' seas; 30 kt winds clear visibility |
| 17 | 6/11/2002 | N53:59.59 <br> W167:05.84 | Unalaska Island (Koriga Pt) ( 3 mi offshore NE of Makushin Bay) | 13-15-12 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | $\begin{gathered} ?(\mathrm{R} ?) \\ \text { (no open } \\ \text { saddles scen) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1219-1630 \\ 3.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | GOOD (of those we got to) | Beaufort 3-4 $4-5$ ' seas; $10-15 \mathrm{kt}$ winds intermittent fog |
| 18 | 6/11/2002 | N54:03.98 W166:46.11 | Unalaska Island (Cape Wislow) (3 mi offshore NE of Makushin Bay) | 35-P-30 | 2 (worked 2) (group 1) (group 2) | ? <br> (2) <br> (0) | ? | 2 | $\begin{gathered} ?(\mathrm{R} ?) \\ \text { (no open } \\ \text { saddles seen) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1800-1930 \\ 1.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | FAIR (only few individuals-$5 \%-10 \%$ of group) | Beaufort 3 3-4' seas; 12 kt winds clear visibility |
| 19 | 6/11/2002 | N54:05.23 W166:39.13 | Unalaska Island (Reese Bay) ( 5 mi offshore NE of Makushin Bay) | $\begin{aligned} & 5-5-5 \\ & \\ & (3-3-3) \\ & (2-2-2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ (\text { seen in area) } \\ \text { (group 1) } \\ \text { (group 2) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 2 <br> (1) <br> (2) | 0 | 0 | $\begin{gathered} \text { ?(R?) } \\ \text { (no open } \\ \text { saddles seen) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2000 \\ & 0 \text { hrs } \\ & \text { (pass) } \end{aligned}$ | NONE | Beaufort 2 <br> 3' seas; 10 kt winds clear visibility |
| 20 | 6/16/2002 | N54:11.05 W166:13.55 | Akutan Island (Lava Point) | 3-3-3 | 1 | $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { (1 sprouter?) } \end{gathered}$ | 0 | 1 | ?(T?) (no open saddles and ragged fins) | $\begin{gathered} 1400-1630 \\ 2.5 \text { hrs } \end{gathered}$ | Excelent <br> (good photos <br> of all animals) | Beaufort 2 <br> ${ }^{3}$ seas; 10 kt wind clear visibility; some fog |

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| ENCOUNTER <br> NUMBER | DATE | LAT/LONG | LOCATION | B/H/L | \# SUB-GROUPS |  | \# CALVES | NUMBER BIOPSIES | *PRESUMED ECO-TYPE | ENCOUNTER TIME | PHOTOS | WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING |
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| 21 | 6/16/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N54:18.92 } \\ & \text { W165:53.27 } \end{aligned}$ | Akutan Island (north of North head) | 25-30-20 | $\begin{gathered} ? \\ \text { worked w/ } 1 \\ \text { (group 1) } \end{gathered}$ | 3 <br> (in area) <br> (2) | 2 (minimum) <br> (2) | 1 | R (fingers in saddjes) | $\begin{gathered} 1700-1745 \\ .75 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | FAIR (okay photos of 7 animals) | Beaufort 4 4' seas; 18 kt wind clear |
| 22 | 6/16/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N54:25.69 } \\ & \text { W165:36.96 } \end{aligned}$ | Unimak pass (northeast of Akutan Island) | 20-25-20 | $?$ worked $w / 1$ (group 1) | 3 (others in area) <br> (2) | 2 $(\min )$ <br> (2) | 0 |  | $\begin{gathered} 1930-2030 \\ 1 \mathrm{hr} \end{gathered}$ | POOR <br> (only a few frames) | Beaufort 5 <br> 4' seas; 20 kt wind clear |
| 23 | 6/17/2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N54:23.10 } \\ & \text { W165:46.93 } \end{aligned}$ | Akutan Island <br> (b/w Akutan pass and Unimak) | 5-?-5 | ? | ? | ? | 0 | ? | $\begin{aligned} & 1130 \\ & 0 \text { hrs } \end{aligned}$ | NONE | Beaufort 4 $4^{\prime}$ seas; 16 kt wind 4 mi viz |
| 24 | 6/18/2002 | N54:21.71 <br> W164:15.81 | Unimak Island | 4-5-4 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | T? (no open saddles/raggy dorsal fins) | $\begin{gathered} 0715-0915 \\ 2 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOOD } \\ & (3 \text { of } 4) \end{aligned}$ | Beaufort 3 <br> 3 seas; 10 kt wind <br> $<2$ mi visibility; fog |
| 25 | 6/18/2002 | N54:22.73 <br> W164:48.68 | Unimak Island (SE side/coast) | 9-10-8 | 1 | 1 | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ (2 \text { small-1 juv) } \end{gathered}$ | 1 | $\begin{gathered} ? \\ \text { (no open } \\ \text { saddles) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1200-1330 \\ 1.5 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOOD } \\ & \text { (6-7 of } 9) \end{aligned}$ | Beaufort 3 <br> 3 ' seas; 10 kt wind <br> 2-3 mi visibility; some fog |
| 26 | 6/18/2002 | N54:24.96 <br> W164:54.20 | Unimak Island (SE side/coast) | 30 (min) <br> (1) 12-15) <br> (2) 5-6 <br> (3) 4-5 <br> (4) 5-6 | 4 (others coming into area but we could not stay :( | 5 (min) <br> (2) <br> (1) <br> (1) <br> ? | 4-5 (min) | 4 | T <br> (feeding on gray whale carcass) | $\begin{gathered} 1415-1620 \\ 2 \mathrm{hrs} \end{gathered}$ | FAIR <br> (time restricted good photos of first groups no look at incoming) | Beaufort 4 <br> 3' seas; 15 kt wind-choppy clear visibility; some haze |

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PHOTO-ID TABLE

" O " was not assigned to any group
ECO-TYPE KEY
Resident: " R " assigned if open or fingers in saddle(s) were seen in a group or if animals appeared to be foraging on fish. Transient: "T" was assigned if observed predating on mammals
Offshore:
?: "?" assigned if there were no physical or behavioral characteristics, or other indicators typical of known eco-types observed.

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Encountered during time given for bad weather. Poor photos (<10\% of group photo-identified); no biopsy; ecotype unknown.
Weather rolled in and they gave us the slip. Few if any id worthy photos. Weather rolled in and they gave us the slip. Few if any id worthy photos.
Minke whale seen with this group where several animals shadowed the wh
Animals were elusive and difficult to work. We were unable to relocate the minke after several surfacings.
Animals located in the Krenitzen Islands/south of Rootok and Avatanak Islands-between the two islands.
Encountered during time given for bad weather. Good photos ( $>50 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed resident.
Animals seen in the Krenitzen Islands/north of Akutan Island near Lava Point \& north of North Head Bite (1 mile offshore \& spread out)
Encountered during time given for bad weather. Fair photos ( $<25 \% \%$ of group photo-identified); no biopsy; ecotype presumed resident.
Launched small boat, difficult to work, fair photos and only a few per roli. Saw male with round scar (about he size of a bullet) on the
upper one-third trailing edge of dorsal fin (refer to biopsy photo catalogue Whale $\# 6$ from 2001 Aleutian Mariner cruise-apossibly same animal)
Two Pacific white-sided dolphins were seen bow-riding KW's. Overall, an unsuccessful mission working 2 males--fair photos of 1 animal and
poor photos of the other-again, no biopsy. Strong winds limited the workable area-- on north side of Unalaska lsland west of Dutch Harbor we were contained to work within an approximate 5 mile area.
Encountered during time given for bad weather. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed resident.
Group associated $w /$ black cod/sable fishing vessel pulling in longline pots. KW female w/ calf feeding on small bycatch thrown overboard.
Vessel "Guiding Star" (Captain Jose Castillo--Westward Sea Foods 581-1660) conveyed that KW's have learned to open pots!
Many KW's were seen in the area spread out for miles, but did not approach fishing vessel during our 3.75 hrs observation
Encountered during transit time to Tanaga pass off of the southeast side of Amlia Island.
Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified) but good photos of several sub-groups; 3 biopsies ( 1 skin only)
Obtained a large number of photos $\cdots$ most good, as we were able to work from large and small boat simultaneously.
Many distinct animals. Individuals sometimes following closely behind the boat.
Dart shot from bow and stuck in lower right side of female w/calf; both seen severa
Dart shot from bow and stuck in lower right side of female w/calf; both seen several times throughout the encounter with the dart still in tact.
*See MR \#13 LM1 frames 1-4; female right side during darting. KW01 biopsy had no blubber--skin sample only (must have hit base of dorsal).
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| $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 5 / 21 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during time given for bad weather. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); no biopsy; ecotype unknown. Weather rolled in and they gave us the slip. Few if any id worthy photos. <br> Minke whale seen with this group where several animals shadowed the whale for several minutes then broke off. Possible transients? Animals were elusive and difficult to work. We were unable to relocate the minke after several surfacings. <br> Animals located in the Krenitzen Islands/south of Rootok and Avatanak Islands--between the two islands. |
| $\begin{gathered} 2 \\ 5 / 21 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during time given for bad weather. Good photos ( $>50 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. Animals seen in the Krenitzen Islands/north of Akutan Island near Lava Point \& north of North Head Bite (1 mile offshore \& spread out) |
| $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 5 / 23 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during time given for bad weather. Fair photos ( $<25 \% \%$ of group photo-identified); no biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. Launched smail boat; difficult to work; fair photos and only a few per roll. Saw male with round scar (about the size of a bullet) on the upper one-third trailing edge of dorsal fin (refer to biopsy photo catalogue Whale \#6 from 2001 Aleutian Mariner cruise--possibly same animal). Two Pacific white-sided dolphins were seen bow-riding KW's. Overall, an unsuccessful mission working 2 maies--fair photos of 1 animal and poor photos of the other--again, no biopsy. Strong winds limited the workable area-- on north side of Unalaska lsland west of Dutch Harbor we were contained to work within an approximate 5 mile area. |
| $\begin{gathered} 4 \\ 5 / 24 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during time given for bad weather. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. Group associated w/ black cod/sable fishing vessel pulling in longline pots. KW female w/ calf feeding on small bycatch thrown overboard. Vessel "Guiding Star" (Captain Jose Castillo--Westward Sea Foods 581-1660) conveyed that KW's have learned to open pots! Good photos of biopsied animal and the $2 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{c}$ pairs behind the boat-- $6-9$ individuals maximum were photo identified. Many KW's were seen in the area spread out for miles, but did not approach fishing vessel during our 3.75 hrs observation. |
| $\begin{gathered} 5 \\ 5 / 25 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Killer whales were seen in passing mode due to non-stop CTD \& CalVET line. Saw $2-3$ subgroups, more may have been present; whales passed w/in 50 m of vessel. No photos; no biopsy; no time to get group size estimate; ecotype unknown. |
| $\begin{gathered} 6 \\ 5 / 27 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during transit time to Tanaga pass off of the southeast side of Amlia Island. <br> Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified) but good photos of several sub-groups; 3 biopsies ( 1 skin only) <br> Obtained a large number of photos-most good, as we were able to work from large and small boat simultaneously. Worked 6 sub-groups but never got to all groups. Many distinct animals. Individuals sometimes following closely behind the boat. <br> Dart shot from bow and stuck in lower right side of female w/calf; both seen several times throughout the encounter with the dart still in tact. <br> *See MR \#13 LM1 frames 1-4; female right side during darting. KW01 biopsy had no blubber--skin sample only (must have hit base of dorsal). |

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## NOTES (CONT'D)

Encountered prior to CTD line early morning. Fair photos ( $<25 \%$ of group photo-identified--low light); 1 biopsy; presumed ecotype resident. Some photos of all animals but best opportunities shot in very low light (best as low as 400 @ F4). One young, orange-colored calf spy-hopped frequently.
Encountered 20 minutes under survey after having spent 1.5-2.0 hrs obtaining biopsies from sperm whales
Poor photos (<10\%) of group photo-identified); I biopsy (grazed the animal @ dorsal base and is skin only--no contaminant sample); ecotype presumed resident. Worked from small boat after unsuccessful from the large boat. Difficult animals to work and sea conditions became unfavorable as time progressed
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| $\begin{gathered} 7 \\ 5 / 29 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered prior to CTD line early morning. Fair photos ( $<25 \%$ of group photo-identified--low light); I biopsy; presumed ecotype resident. Some photos of all animals but best opportunities shot in very low light (best as low as 400 @ F4). One young, orange-colored calf spy-hopped frequently. |
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| $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 5 / 31 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered 20 minutes under survey after having spent 1.5-2.0 hrs obtaining biopsies from sperm whales. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ ) of group photo-identified); I biopsy (grazed the animal @ dorsal base and is skin only--no contaminant sample); ecotype presumed resident. Worked from small boat after unsuccessful from the large boat. Difficult animals to work and sea conditions became unfavorable as time progressed. |
| $\begin{gathered} 9 \\ 6 / 3 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered after extended HTL/bird collection; seen at end of day near Seguam. <br> Fair photos ( $<25 \%$ of group photo-identified--low light); no biopsy; presumed ecotype resident. <br> One adult male had a very distinct dorsal curled all the way over on left side and an open saddle on the right side. <br> *Same or similar-looking curled-fin adult male was seen again the next moming (6/4/02) in the vicinity of this larger scattered group. (See Encounter \#10.) We never got to that subgroup to positively identify. We worked them until dark; 1 hr 45 minutes (2100-2330). |
| $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ 6 / 4 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered prior to start of CTD line (line delayed). Fair photos ( $<25 \%$ of group photo-identified); 2 biopsies; ecotype presumed resident. Large group spread over 1.5-2 miles. Worked 6-7 sub groups but there were others scattered around; at least 9-10 males; many calves. Worked 4 hrs from big boat and 2 hrs from small boat; had better luck $w /$ small boat. Biopsied 1 male/l female. <br> Also, saw same or similar curled to the left dorsal on male from last night's encounter (Encounter \#9), but did not appear to be associated with same animals as previous sighting. Nancy had malfunction w/ older camera and lost entire first roll of film (first 4.5 hrs of encounter). |
| $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 6 / 4 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered after prod/bird collection and prior to CTD line. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified--distant); no biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. Open saddle male; distinct female with cut in top of dorsal that looked like sideways and rounded "M" (profile/side view). Only distant photos. Uncooperative animals; worked for 5 hrs from small boat; no biopsy after 1 attempt |
| $\begin{gathered} 12 \\ 6 / 5 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered duriing HTI line @1600. Line broken near end for 50 minute "intermission" and then resumed the line. Excellent photos ( $100 \%$ of group photo-identified); no biopsy after attempts; ecotype presumed resident. <br> Two females, $1 \mathrm{w} / \mathrm{open}$ saddle--l w/yellow saddle/eye patch (diatoms?) Distinct male $w /$ open saddle and wide fin--canted to left $w /$ notch in middle. |
| $\begin{gathered} 13 \\ 6 / 5 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | HT1 (acoustic line) was broken with 1 station left to finish. Initial sighting was post-poned 30 mins to finish CTD line--we went back to find these animals. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified--few distant frames; no biopsy attempt; ecotype resident. <br> Initially, frequent tail-slapping by one of the adult males and spyhopping. Very evasive group that was either milling or traveling slowly in Amukta Pass (north end). We spent 50 minutes with this group because they were being uncooperative and had a CTD line to do. |


| $\begin{gathered} 14 \\ 6 / 9 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered group $1 / 2 \mathrm{hr}$ prior to end of HTI line through Samalga pass. Line broken with 1 station remaining. <br> Good photos ( $>50 \%$ of group photo-identified); 4 biopsies; ecotype presumed resident. <br> Initially worked I larger group (about 15 animals) and some other smaller groups and males in the area unsuccessfully for 1.5 hrs. A front passed through and KW's appeared from all around in the convergence. Animals exhibited an array of behaviors over the next 3 hrs including an abundance of social play, spyhopping, breaching; tail-slapping; sexual play/display between $2-3$ males throughout the encounter; and fishing (saw a KW bring up a large salmon off the bow). |
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| $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 6 / 10 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered at the beginning of a CTD-CaIVET line through Umnak pass. No photos; no biopsy; ecotype unknown. Saw 3 animals ( 1 male +2 female types) at the beginning Animals appeared to be traveling. |
| $\begin{gathered} 16 \\ 6 / 10 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during HTI line (near end) with I station remaining. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); 1 biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. Beaufort 6; 30 kt winds; 5 ' seas left us with poor photos and I biopsy of male with forward canted fin. <br> Saw 3 groups in area, minimum 14 animals. Although no open saddles were seen, animals were milling and diving over a confined area where HTl had shown strong fish sign prior to breaking the transect--suggesting these animals may have been foraging. Bottom topography drops off quickly in the north end of Umnak pass. Numerous Laysan Albatross and other bird species were observed feeding on dead, floating rock fish--presumably bycatch from fishery tossed overboard (fishing gear seen in the area). |
| $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ 6 / 11 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during transit from Umnak to Unimak. Good photos (>50\% of group photo-identified); 2 biopsies; ecotype presumed resident <br> Killer whales were seen North east of Makushin Bay and worked from both boats. Good photos of biopsied whales ( 2 males with distinct fins). Dart tip broke off with crossbow attempt in adult female (pictured during darting on MR $\# 55$ LMI frames $5-9$, plus others frames on the roll). Although no open saddles were seen, these animals may be residents, as they appeared to be diving over an area for a time before moving, suggesting foraging. |
| $\begin{gathered} 18 \\ 6 / 11 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during transit from Umnak to Unimak pass. Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); 2 biopsies; ecotype presumed resident. <br> Killer whales encountered were spread over miles-all traveling west. Transiting on a schedute for MOCNESS in Unimak--had only 1.5 hrs to get some photos and biopsies to represent the passing sub groups. Limited time and scattered distribution of made it difficult to estimate number of animals but we roughly estimate a minimum of $30-35$ animals. We worked with 2 sub-groups (only) before continuing our transit. <br> These animals were encountered 1.5 hrs and 10 miles east of previous encounter (\#17). |
| $\begin{gathered} 19 \\ 6 / 11 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered during transit to Unimak for MOCNESS. Passed. No photos; no biopsy; ecotype unknown. <br> No time to stop; possibly part of larger, spread out group from previous encounter(s)? In passing-mode, rough estimate: 2 groups of 5 animals These animals were seen approxinuately 30 minutes and 5 mi east of previous encounter (\#18). |

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| $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ 6 / 16 / 02 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered after just having completed HT1 in transit through Akutan pass and on the way to Unimak for MOCNESS tonight. <br> Excellent photos ( $100 \%$ of group photo-identified): I biopsy (adult male); ecotype presumed transient? <br> Initially saw 3 individuals, lost them, then resighted. All had ragged dorsal fins on the trailing <br> edges and closed saddles. Possible transients. At least 1 male; possible 2 nd male as sprouter and I smaller female-type. Whales were following the 100 m contour along Akutan Island. |
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| $\begin{gathered} 21 \\ 6 / 16 / 02 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered in transit through Akutan pass and on the way to Unimak for MOCNESS tonight. <br> Fair photos ( $<25 \%$ of group photo-identified); 1 biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. <br> Not long after Encounter 20 we came upon KW's and much of the food chain! Large euphausiid bloom made the water red from a distance; minimum 50 humpback <br> whales; dalls porpoise; flocks of shear waters and fulmars; fulmars \& Laysan albatross eating on what appeared to be mammalian intenstines; and a lot of activity <br> above and below the water... in some areas water was "boiling" with krill and fish. After only 1 pass of photos on 7-9 animals and 1 biopsy of an adult male, we had <br> to stop due to shipping traffic and the shipping channel. Not a good enough look to estimate group size and composition of sub-groups. |
| $\begin{gathered} 22 \\ 6 / 16 / 02 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered in transit through Akutan pass and on the way to Unimak for MOCNESS tonight. <br> Poor photos ( $<10 \%$ of group photo-identified); no biopsy; ecotype presumed resident. <br> After Encounter 21 bird collecting was underway and we waited for shipping tratfic to pass. Water was rougher, winds and sea state picked up, whales elusive. Shot several frames of an animal that looked $99 \%$ certain to be from the Encounter 21 group. Possible same group of animals. Worked humpbacks instead. |
| $\begin{gathered} 23 \\ 6 / 17 / 2002 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered on a day dedicated to whales. No photos: no biopsy: ecotype unknown. <br> Hail from NOAA ship Miller Freeman and other circumstances cost losing animals and never resighted. <br> Sighted and lost animals near feature of biomass observed previous day. Losing the animals became an "opening" to began a "I. 5 hr" CTD line that became II hrs of CTD/HTI lines in a criss-cross pattern at the north end of Unimak pass through the feature. Millions of shearwaters and minimum 100 humpacks in the area. |
| $\begin{gathered} 24 \\ 6 / 18 / 02 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered on a day dedicated to whales. Good photos ( $>50 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed to be transient. Sighted animals on the way to southeast side of Unimak Island. Transient-looking, no open saddles, 4-5 animals. Good photos of 3 animals; biopsy of adult male. |
| $\begin{gathered} 25 \\ 6 / 18 / 02 \end{gathered}$ | Encountered on a day dedicated to whales. Good photos ( $>50 \%$ of group photo-identified); I biopsy; ecotype presumed to be transient. Sighted animals on the southeast coast of Unimak Island--2 miles offshore. Transient-looking, no open saddles, good photos of at least 6 individuals; 1 biopsy adult male. |

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NOTES (CONT'D) Encountered on a day dedicated to whales. Fair photos (<25\% of group photo-identified); 4 biopsies; ecotype presumed transient.
Sighted animals on the southeast coast of Unimak Island-- 2 miles offshore. Milling and social behavior with pod members and often approached RHIB.
Huge oil slick, smell, and chunks of flesh. KW's were feeding on gray whale carcass, presumably a calf taken the previous day; repeatedly dragging it under.
Appeared that other groups were coming to join but we had to leave before we could get a look or group size estimate.
At least 4 subgroups; $4-5$ males; many calves; minimum of 30 whales and possibly others on the way. Feeding/socializing made them very easy to work.
Unfortunate and untimely restriction was hailed over the radio by grad student and we had to leave this encounter to do a duplicate "bird" line through
Unimak pass.
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Appendix I: List of stations and Activities

| Station | Date | Time | Lat. | Long. | Depth (m) | ) Activity |
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| UNY30 | 5/19 | 2349 | 5433.80 | 16548.42 | 422 | Deploy MOCNESS 1 |
|  | 5/20 | 0028 | 5434.60 | 16550.23 | 425 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY28 | 5/20 | 0128 | 5431.53 | 16539.90 | 320 | Deploy MOCNESS 2 |
|  | 5/20 | 0156 | 5432.39 | 16541.40 | 364 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY26 | 5/20 | 0330 | 5429.39 | 16530.93 | 94 | Deploy MOCNESS 3 |
|  | 5/20 | 0356 | 5430.18 | 16531.63 | 99 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY23 | 5/20 | 0509 | 5425.67 | 16518.80 | 156 | Deploy MOCNESS 4 |
|  | 5/20 | 0535 | 5426.39 | 16519.71 | 150 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY28 | 5/20 | 0708 | 5431.17 | 16539.68 | 307 | CTD 001 (Prod Station) |
| UNY28 | 5/20 | 0744 | 5431.18 | 16539.60 | 320 | Start HTI run |
| UNY19 | 5/20 | 1233 | 5420.91 | 16502.04 | 123 | Recover HTI for CTD |
| UNY19 | 5/20 | 1255 | 5420.90 | 16502.10 | 123 | CTD 002 (Prod Station) |
| UNY19 | 5/20 | 1317 | 5420.88 | 16501.93 | 115 | Re-deploy HTI |
| UNY08 | 5/20 | 1840 | 5408.21 | 16415.78 | 78 | Recover HTI for CTD |
| CTD |  |  |  |  |  | failed, bad slip rings |
| UNY08 | 5/20 | 1931 | 5408.20 | 16416.12 | 77 | Re-deploy HTI |
| UNY01 | 5/20 | 2346 | 5400.29 | 16346.79 | 96 | Recover HTI |
| UNY01 | 5/21 | 0037 | 5400.55 | 16346.17 | 94 | Deploy MOCNESS 5 |
|  | 5/21 | 0108 | 5401.25 | 16345.00 | 87 | Recover MOCNESS |
| Operations stopped, weather |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AKY14 | 5/21 | 1808 | 5403.33 | 16609.94 | 74 | CTD 003 (Prod station) |
| AKY14 | 5/21 | 2330 | 5403.46 | 16609.76 | 74 | Deploy MOCNESS 6 |
|  | 5/21 | 2355 | 5404.40 | 16609.44 | 45 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY16 | 5/22 | 0044 | 5405.61 | 16617.94 | 87 | Deploy MOCNESS 7 |
|  | 5/22 | 0106 | 5405.49 | 16616.72 | 86 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY17 | 5/22 | 0145 | 5406.77 | 16622.24 | 105 | Deploy MOCNESS 8 |
|  | 5/22 | 0211 | 5406.42 | 16620.71 | 94 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY18 | 5/22 | 0254 | 5407.90 | 16626.22 | 783 | Deploy MOCNESS 9 |
|  | 5/22 | 0322 | 5407.46 | 16624.60 | 509 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY19 | 5/22 | 0404 | 5409.09 | 16630.40 | 938 | Deploy MOCNESS 10 |
|  | 5/22 | 0426 | 5408.77 | 16629.05 | 971 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY19 | 5/22 | 0729 | 5409.15 | 16630.62 | 930 | CTD 004 (Prod station) |
|  | 5/22 | 0752 | 5409.06 | 16630.64 | 923 | CaIVET 1 |
|  | 5/22 | 0805 | 5409.21 | 16630.67 | 942 | CTD 005 |
| AKY18 | 5/22 | 0855 | 5407.98 | 16626.43 | 792 | CTD 006 |
|  | 5/22 | 0929 | 5407.74 | 16626.27 | 745 | CaIVET 2 |
| AKY17 | 5/22 | 1000 | 5406.85 | 16622.57 | 108 | CTD 007 |
|  | 5/22 | 1010 | 5406.86 | 16622.54 | 108 | CaIVET 3 |
| AKY16 | 5/22 | 1035 | 5405.72 | 16618.21 | 88 | CTD 008 |
|  | 5/22 | 1049 | 5405.95 | 16618.32 | 88 | CaIVET 4 |
| AKY15 | 5/22 | 1119 | 5404.53 | 16614.04 | 78 | CTD 009 |
|  | 5/22 | 1132 | 5404.71 | 16614.32 | 78 | CaIVET 5 |


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| AKY14 | 5/22 | 1200 | 5403.44 | 16609.93 | 74 | CTD 010 |
|  | 5/22 | 1219 | 5403.33 | 16609.98 | 74 | CaIVET 6 |
| AKY13 | 5/22 | 1258 | 5402.28 | 16605.91 | 48 | CTD 011 |
|  | 5/22 | 1313 | 5402.17 | 16605.99 | 64 | CaIVET 7 |
| AKY12 | 5/22 | 1358 | 5401.10 | 16601.67 | 70 | CTD 012 |
|  | 5/22 | 1416 | 5400.99 | 16601.73 | 77 | Calvet 8 |
| AKY11 | 5/22 | 1442 | 5359.97 | 16557.41 | 87 | CTD 013 |
|  | 5/22 | 1457 | 5359.88 | 16557.49 | 87 | CaIVET 9 |
| AKY10 | 5/22 | 1521 | 5358.72 | 16553.24 | 97 | CTD 014 |
|  | 5/22 | 1535 | 5358.69 | 16552.94 | 81 | CaIVET 10 |
| AKY07 | 5/22 | 1616 | 5355.23 | 16540.86 | 99 | CTD 015 |
|  | 5/22 | 1640 | 5355.46 | 16540.78 | 99 | CalVET 11 |
| AKY04 | 5/22 | 1738 | 5351.72 | 16528.46 | 90 | CTD 016 |
|  | 5/22 | 1754 | 5351.91 | 16528.59 | 90 | CaIVET 12 |
| AKY01 | 5/22 | 1852 | 5348.28 | 16516.28 | 126 | CTD 017 |
|  | 5/22 | 1907 | 5348.33 | 16538.79 | 99 | CaIVET 13 |
| AKY10 | 5/22 | 2339 | 5358.46 | 16553.03 | 87 | Deploy MOCNESS 11 |
|  | 5/23 | 0003 | 5357.70 | 16552.12 | 70 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY08 | 5/23 | 0054 | 5356.36 | 16545.09 | 90 | Deploy MOCNESS 12 |
|  | 5/23 | 0122 | 5356.20 | 16543.81 | 100 | Recover MOCNESS |
|  | 5/23 | 0221 | 5354.98 | 16539.49 | 100 | Stopped ops: winds |
|  | 5/23 | 1938 | 5400.33 | 16656.11 | 132 | Whales/ small boat |
| AKY19 | 5/24 | 0700 | 5409.23 | 16630.67 | 926 | CTD 018 (Prod) |
|  | 5/24 | 0729 | 5409.19 | 16630.65 | 926 | HTI deployed |
| Acoustics, seabird, whale transect |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AKY10 | 5/24 | 1126 | 5358.45 | 16552.35 | 87 | Abort transect |
|  | 5/24 | 1500 | 5315.98 | 16544.55 |  | Whale obs, Akutan Bay |
|  | 5/24 | 2000 | 5417.65 | 16602.71 |  | Chasing Whales |
| UNY11 | 5/25 | 0401 | 5411.73 | 16428.54 | 91 | Deploy MOCNESS 13 |
|  | 5/25 | 0425 | 5411.59 | 16427.81 | 91 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY30 | 5/25 | 0940 | 5433.63 | 16548.19 | 422 | CTD 019 |
|  | 5/25 | 1017 | 5433.78 | 16548.12 | 420 | CalVET 14 |
| UNY28 | 5/25 | 1059 | 5431.24 | 16539.55 | 307 | CTD 020 |
|  | 5/25 | 1103 | 5431.24 | 16539.55 | 307 | CaIVET 15 |
| UNY26 | 5/25 | 1203 | 5428.89 | 16531.16 | 94 | CTD 021 |
|  | 5/25 | 1216 | 5428.69 | 16531.10 | 94 | CalVET 16 |
| UNY23 | 5/25 | 1309 | 5425.47 | 16518.61 | 156 | CTD 022 |
|  | 5/25 | 1328 | 5425.32 | 15418.86 | 156 | CalVET 17 |
| UNY20 | 5/25 | 1434 | 5422.03 | 16506.06 | 141 | CTD 023 |
|  | 5/25 | 1454 | 5422.34 | 16507.30 | 141 | CalVET 18 |
| UNY18 | 5/25 | 1602 | 5419.78 | 16557.87 | 84 | CTD 024 |
|  | 5/25 | 1637 | 5419.60 | 16457.87 | 88 | CalVET 19 |
| UNY16 | 5/25 | 1748 | 5417.53 | 16449.63 | 62 | CTD 025 |
|  | 5/25 | 1812 | 5417.40 | 16449.48 | 62 | Calvet 20 |


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| UNY14 | $5 / 25$ | 1906 | 5415.08 | 16440.95 | 78 | CTD 026 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 1920 | 5415.24 | 16440.94 | 78 | CalVET 21 |
| UNY11 | $5 / 25$ | 2017 | 5411.63 | 16428.36 | 89 | CTD 027 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 2028 | 5411.64 | 16428.06 | 89 | CalVET 22 |
| UNY08 | $5 / 25$ | 2122 | 5408.24 | 16415.88 | 76 | CTD 028 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 2133 | 5408.32 | 16415.53 | 76 | CalVET 23 |
| UNY05 | $5 / 25$ | 2226 | 5404.83 | 16403.40 | 69 | CTD 029 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 2237 | 5404.92 | 16403.15 | 69 | CalVET 24 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 2326 | 5405.05 | 16403.40 | 69 | Deploy MOCNESS 14 |
|  | $5 / 25$ | 2345 | 5404.97 | 16404.30 | 70 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY04 | $5 / 26$ | 0532 | 5351.69 | 16528.72 | 91 | Deploy MOCNESS 15 |
|  | $5 / 26$ | 0556 | 5351.32 | 16529.46 | 94 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY01 | $5 / 26$ | 0721 | 5348.27 | 16516.18 | 295 | Deploy HTI |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acoustics, birds, whales transect, AKY01-10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $5 / 26$ | 1049 | 5356.05 | 16543.90 | 97 | Abort transect, tides |
| AKY11 | $5 / 26$ | 1203 | 5359.75 | 16543.00 | 104 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics birds, whales transect, AKY11-7, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $5 / 26$ | 1332 | 5355.79 | 16543.00 | 100 | Recover HTI |
| Underway to Tanaga Pass, bird and $w h a l e ~ o b s e r v a t i o n s ~ e n ~ r o u t e ~$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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|  | 5/30 | 0241 | 5152.13 | 17826.76 |  | Recover MOCNESS |
| TNY19 | 5/30 | 0339 | 5159.10 | 17827.70 | >2000 | Deploy MOCNESS 23 |
|  | 5/30 | 0402 | 5158.29 | 17827.09 |  | Recover MOCNESS |
| TNY21 | 5/30 | 0455 | 5203.83 | 17828.84 |  | Deploy MOCNESS 24 |
|  | 5/30 | 0516 | 5203.06 | 17828.06 |  | Recover MOCNESS |
| TNY21 | 5/30 | 0840 | 5204.03 | 17828.78 | >2000 | CTD 032 (Prod) |
|  | 5/30 | 0903 | 5204.07 | 17828.88 |  | CalVET 25 |
|  | 5/30 | 0914 | 5203.97 | 17828.81 |  | CTD 033 |
|  |  |  |  |  | >2000 |  |
| TNY18 | 5/30 | 1034 | 5156.09 | 17826.69 |  | CTD 034 |
|  | 5/30 | 1108 | 5156.07 | 17827.30 |  | CaIVET 26 |
| TNY16 | 5/30 | 1154 | 5150.46 | 17828.42 | 2100 | CTD 035 |
|  | 5/30 | 1239 | 5150.26 | 17829.15 |  | CaIVET 27 |
| TNY14 | 5/30 | 1325 | 5144.86 | 17830.49 | 1414 | CTD 036 |
|  | 5/30 | 1408 | 5144.57 | 17830.89 |  | CaIVET 28 |
| TNY13 | 5/30 | 1437 | 5143.06 | 17827.36 | 816 | CTD 037 |
|  | 5/30 | 1523 | 5143.17 | 17827.33 |  | CalVET 29 |
| TNY12 | 5/30 | 1547 | 5141.09 | 17824.30 | 426 | CTD 038 (Prod) |
|  | 5/30 | 1559 | 5141.11 | 178.24 .11 |  | CaIVET 30 |
|  | 5/30 | 1610 | 5141.16 | 17824.49 |  | CTD 039 |
| TNY10 | 5/30 | 1716 | 5137.83 | 17817.81 | 357 | CTD 040 |
|  | 5/30 | 1747 | 5137.69 | 17818.36 |  | CalVET 31 |
| TNY08 | 5/30 | 1832 | 5133.93 | 17811.51 | 245 | CTD 041 |
|  | 5/30 | 1851 | 5134.15 | 17811.54 | 245 | CaIVET 32 |
| TNY05 | 5/30 | 1953 | 5129.52 | 17800.63 | 1269 | CTD 042 |
|  | 5/30 | 2039 | 5129.50 | 17800.45 |  | CalVET 33 |
| TNY02 | 5/30 | 2138 | 5126.71 | 17748.74 | 1519 | CTD 043 |
|  | 5/30 | 2209 | 5126.64 | 17749.20 |  | CalVET 34 |
| TNX05 | 5/31 | 0819 | 5138.89 | 17808.18 | 60 | CTD 044 |
| TNX04 | 5/31 | 0847 | 5138.14 | 17812.00 | 100 | CTD 045 |
| TNX03 | 5/31 | 0925 | 5136.73 | 17816.90 | 360 | CTD 046 |
| TNX02 | 5/31 | 1014 | 5135.27 | 17821.57 | 177 | CTD 047 |
| TNX01 | 5/31 | 1051 | 5134.10 | 17826.31 | 82 | CTD 048 |
|  | 5/31 | 1300 | 5142.28 | 17829.59 |  | Deploy small boatsperm whales |
|  | 5/31 | 1430 |  |  |  | Recover small boat |
|  | 5/31 | 1525 | 5138.36 | 17856.16 |  | Deploy small boat (killer whales) |
|  | 5/31 | 1720 |  |  |  | Recover small boat |
| SGY17 | 6/02 | 1205 | 5227.25 | 17307.48 | 1050 | CTD 049 (Prod) |
|  | 6/02 | 1218 | 5227.27 | 17307.39 | 1050 | CaIVET 35 |
|  | 6/02 | 1229 | 5227.73 | 17307.48 | 1047 | CTD 050 |
| SGY15 | 6/02 | 1336 | 5222.97 | 17301.81 | 959 | CTD 051 |
|  | 6/02 | 1409 | 5222.84 | 17300.78 | 959 | CaIVET 36 |


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| SGY12 | 6/04 | 0831 |  |  |  | line abandoned- whales Deploy small boat |
|  | 6/04 | 1212 | 5210.62 | 17248.09 |  |  |
|  | 6/04 | 1437 | 5211.67 | 17247.01 |  | Recover small boat CTD 065 (prod) |
|  | 6/04 | 1523 | 5216.85 | 17253.47 | 297 |  |
|  | 6/04 | 1636 | 5210.52 | 17244.90 | 151 | Deploy small boat(birds) Recover small boat |
|  | 6/04 | 1748 | 5210.54 | 17243.75 |  |  |
|  | 6/04 | 1820 | 5212.01 | 17247.80 | 167 | Deploy small boat (whales) |
|  | 6/04 | 2233 | 5215.77 | 17254.33 | 272 | CTD 066 (prod) |
|  | 6/04 | 2258 | 5216.80 | 17254.65 | 272 | Recover small boat |
| SGX04 | 6/05 | 0001 | 5208.50 | 17258.25 | 90 | CTD 067 |
| SGX03 | 6/05 | 0045 | 5211.44 | 17252.17 | 130 | CTD 068 |
| SGX02 | 6/05 | 0128 | 5214.42 | 17246.29 | 153 | CTD 069 |
| SGX01 | 6/05 | 0209 | 5217.39 | 17240.34 | 112 | CTD 070 |
| AMX05 | 6/05 | 0424 | 5221.77 | 17214.00 | 308 | CTD 071 |
| AMX04 | 6/05 | 0528 | 5222.72 | 17202.13 | 418 | CTD 072 |
| AMX03 | 6/05 | 0636 | 5223.69 | 17150.25 | 278 | CTD 073 |
| AMX02 | 6/05 | 0743 | 5224.66 | 17138.24 | 472 | CTD 074 |
| AMX01 | 6/05 | 0851 | 5225.52 | 17126.35 | 394 | CTD 075 |
| AMY01 | 6/05 | 1144 | 5202.66 | 17141.80 | 507 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, Bird, whale obs AMY01-AMY17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AMY04 | $6 / 05$ | 1303 | 5210.67 | 17143.70 | 480 | Drifter 36264 <br> Abandon transect, whales |
|  | 6/05 | 1556 | 5230.76 | 17148.48 | 620 |  |
| AMY11 | 6/05 | 1705 | 5229.29 | 17148.06 | 580 | CTD 076 (prod) |
|  | 6/05 | 1730 | 5230.98 | 17148.38 | 620 | Restart transect |
| AMY17 | 6/05 | 1958 | 5245.26 | 17151.96 |  | Recover HTI |
| AMY17 | 6/05 | 2001 | 5243.98 | 17152.20 | 804 | CTD 077 (prod) |
|  | $6 / 05$ | 2024 | 5243.98 | 17152.20 |  | Whales |
| AMY17 | 6/05 | 2132 | 5245.33 | 17152.02 | 797 | CTD 078 |
|  | 6/05 | 2213 | 5245.33 | 17152.03 | 807 | CaIVET 46 |
| AMY15 | 6/05 | 2306 | 5240.06 | 17150.72 | 616 | CTD 079 |
|  | 6/05 | 2339 | 5239.94 | 17150.71 | 588 | CaIVET 47 |
| AMY13 | 6/06 | 0038 | 5234.69 | 17149.34 | 830 | CTD 080 |
|  | 6/06 | 0109 | 5234.52 | 17149.69 | 692 | CaIVET 48 |
| AMY11 | 6/06 | 0245 | 5229.36 | 17148.06 | 585 | CTD 081 |
|  | 6/06 | 0324 | 5229.28 | 17148.20 | 585 | CaIVET 49 |
| AMY09 | 6/06 | 0453 | 5224.02 | 17146.93 | 295 | CTD 082 <br> CalVET 50 |
|  | 6/06 | 0514 | 5224.20 | 17146.80 | 295 |  |
| AMY08 | 6/06 | 0556 | 5221.30 | 17146.15 | 257 | CTD 083 |
|  | 6/06 | 0620 | 5221.27 | 17146.42 | 257 | CaIVET 51 |
| AMY06 | 6/06 | 0717 | 5215.98 | 17144.90 | 372 | CTD 084 |
|  | 6/06 | 0746 | 5215.93 | 17145.39 | 372 | CaIVET 52 |
| AMY04 | 6/06 | 0844 | 5210.65 | 17143.64 | 480 |  |


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| SGY13 | 6/02 | 1445 | 5218.85 | 17256.21 | 578 | CTD 052 |
|  | 6/02 | 1519 | 5218.48 | 17255.64 | 578 | CaIVET 37 |
| SGY12 | 6/02 | 1541 | 5216.78 | 17253.44 | 285 | CTD 053 |
|  | 6/02 | 1603 | 5216.48 | 17253.23 | 285 | CaIVET 38 |
| SGY11 | 6/02 | 1625 | 5214.76 | 17250.72 | 171 | CTD 054 |
|  | 6/02 | 1642 | 5214.53 | 17250.68 | 171 | CaIVET 39 |
| SGY10 | 6/02 | 1705 | 5212.66 | 17248.02 | 174 | CTD 055 (Prod) |
|  | 6/02 | 1716 | 5212.40 | 17248.16 | 174 | CalVET 40 |
|  | 6/02 | 1726 | 5212.15 | 17248.22 | 169 | CTD 056 |
| SGY08 | 6/02 | 1816 | 5208.65 | 17242.35 | 163 | CTD 057 |
|  | 6/02 | 1834 | 5208.68 | 17242.18 | 163 | CaIVET 41 |
| SGY06 | $6 / 02$ | 1922 | 5204.47 | 17236.68 | 124 | CTD 058 |
|  | 6102 | 1940 | 5204.53 | 17236.77 | 124 | CaIVET 42 |
| SGY04 | $6 / 02$ | 2028 | 5200.35 | 17231.07 | 139 | CTD 059 |
|  | $6 / 02$ | 2046 | 5200.40 | 17230.95 | 139 | CaIVET 43 |
| SGY02 | 6/02 | 2133 | 5156.23 | 17225.37 | 588 | CTD 060 |
|  | $6 / 02$ | 2207 | 5156.29 | 17225.34 | 588 | CaIVET 44 |
| SGY00 | 6/02 | 2250 | 5152.07 | 17219.87 |  | CTD 061 |
|  | $6 / 02$ | 2321 | 5151.98 | 17219.80 |  | CaIVET 45 |
| SGYOO | $6 / 03$ | 0029 | 5152.20 | 17220.08 |  | Deploy MOCNESS 25 |
|  | $6 / 03$ | 0100 | 5153.26 | 17221.50 |  | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY02 | 6/03 | 0136 | 5156.34 | 17225.48 | 561 | Deploy MOCNESS 26 |
|  | 6/03 | 0204 | 5157.60 | 17226.80 | 276 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY04 | 6/03 | 0242 | 5200.61 | 17231.07 | 150 | Deploy MOCNESS 27 |
|  | 6/03 | 0308 | 5201.91 | 17231.32 | 150 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY06 | 6/03 | 0352 | 5204.57 | 17236.39 | 126 | Deploy MOCNESS 28 |
|  | 6/03 | 0419 | 5205.67 | 17235.50 | 143 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY09 | 6/03 | 0544 | 5210.51 | 17244.96 | 154 | Deploy MOCNESS 29 |
|  | 6/03 | 0614 | 5209.81 | 17245.42 | 137 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY17 | 6/03 | 0856 | 5227.25 | 17307.52 | 1050 | CTD 062(Prod) |
|  | 6/03 | 0918 | 5227.20 | 17307.44 | 1050 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, birds, whales observations, SGY17-00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SGY00 | 6/03 | 1733 | 5152.03 | 17219.88 |  | Recover HTI |
| SGY00 | 6/03 | 1754 | 5151.95 | 17219.84 |  | CTD 063(Prod) |
|  | 6/03 | 2204 | 5222.96 | 17245.09 | 190 | Whales Whales |
| SGY17 | 6/04 | 0148 | 5227.29 | 17307.54 |  | Deploy MOCNESS 30 |
|  | 6/04 | 0216 | 5227.95 | 17308.43 |  | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY15 | 6/04 | 0309 | 5223.22 | 17301.82 | 966 | Deploy MOCNESS 31 |
|  | 6/04 | 0325 | 5223.97 | 17302.17 | 1004 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY13 | 6/04 | 0424 | 5219.07 | 17256.20 | 600 | Deploy MOCNESS 32 |
|  | 6/04 | 0450 | 5219.60 | 17256.53 | 666 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGY11 | 6/04 | 0543 | 5214.63 | 17250.93 | 176 | Deploy MOCNESS 33 |
|  | 6/04 | 0611 | 5213.91 | 17251.96 | 160 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SGX01 | 6/04 | 0803 | 5217.29 | 17240.52 | 120 | CTD 064 |


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|  | 6/06 | 0916 | 5210.47 | 17144.33 | 480 | CaIVET 53 |
|  | 6/06 | 0937 | 5210.62 | 17143.76 | 480 | CTD 086(prod) |
| Transect truncated/ weather |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAY16 | 6/07 | 1236 | 5305.36 | 16916.71 | 1050 | CTD 087 |
|  | 6/07 | 1310 | 5305.06 | 16916.44 | 1050 | CaIVET 54 |
| SAY14 | 6/07 | 1400 | 5300.19 | 16922.69 | 866 | CTD 088 |
|  | 6/07 | 1431 | 5300.11 | 16922.84 | 860 | CaIVET 55 |
| SAY12 | 6/07 | 1517 | 5254.77 | 16925.45 | 419 | CTD 089 |
|  | 6/07 | 1550 | 5255.36 | 16924.91 | 419 | CaIVET 56 |
| SAY10 | 6/07 | 1649 | 5249.37 | 16928.17 | 252 | CTD 090 |
|  | 6/07 | 1716 | 5249.96 | 16927.00 | 252 | CaIVET 57 |
|  | 6/07 | 1724 | 5250.15 | 16926.85 | 252 | CaIVET redo |
| Transect stopped/weather |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAY02 | 6/08 | 0934 | 5228.18 | 16921.83 | 1252 | CTD 091 |
|  | 6/08 | 1007 | 5227.71 | 16922.25 | 1252 | CaIVET 58 |
| SAY04 | 6/08 | 1054 | 5233.43 | 16924.98 | 454 | CTD 092 |
|  | 6/08 | 1124 | 5233.02 | 16925.12 | 454 | CaIVET 59 |
| SAY06 | 6/08 | 1219 | 5238.69 | 16927.92 | 260 | CTD 093 |
|  | 6/08 | 1239 | 5238.38 | 16928.14 | 260 | CaIVET 60 |
|  | 6/08 | 1246 | 5238.33 | 16928.22 | 200 | Deploy drifter 36265 |
| SAY08 | 6/08 | 1324 | 5243.81 | 16931.05 | 230 | CTD 094 |
|  | 6/08 | 1345 | 5243.61 | 16930.87 | 230 | CalveT 61 |
| SAY10 | 6/08 | 1447 | 5250.00 | 16928.31 | 252 | CaIVET 62 |
|  | 6/08 | 1504 | 5249.36 | 16928.08 | 252 | CTD 095 |
|  | 6/08 | 1530 |  |  |  | Bird collecting |
| SAX05 | 6/08 | 1642 | 5252.50 | 16937.56 | 78 | CTD 096 |
| SAX04 | 6/08 | 1715 | 5251.73 | 16932.55 | 162 | CTD 097 |
| SAX03 | 6/08 | 1753 | 5250.73 | 16927.57 | 241 | CTD 098 |
| SAX02 | 6/08 | 1840 | 5249.90 | 16922.79 | 179 | CTD 099 |
| SAX01 | 6/08 | 1924 | 5248.97 | 16917.90 | 45 | CTD 100 |
| SAY14 | 6/09 | 0039 | 5300.06 | 16922.98 | 833 | Deploy MOCNESS 34 |
|  | 6/09 | 0110 | 5259.17 | 16924.22 | 747 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SAY10 | 6/09 | 0237 | 5249.25 | 16928.19 | 252 | Deploy MOCNESS 35 |
|  | 6/09 | 0305 | 5249.05 | 16928.47 | 244 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SAY06 | 6/09 | 0434 | 5238.60 | 16928.24 | 254 | Deploy MOCNESS 36 |
|  | 6/09 | 0502 | 5238.33 | 16929.79 | 202 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SAY02 | 6/09 | 0632 | 5228.20 | 16928.20 | 270 | Deploy MOCNESS 37 |
|  | 6/09 | 0700 | 5228.02 | 16924.89 | 270 | Recover MOCNESS |
| SAY02 | 6/09 | 0737 | 5228.33 | 16921.79 | 340 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics birds, whales transect, SAY02-SAY14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SAY11 | 6/09 | 1356 | 5251.87 | 16926.88 | 278 | Break off line, whales |
|  | 6/09 | 1757 | 5248.03 | 16928.56 | 261 | End whale chase |
|  | 6/09 | 1818 | 5251.00 | 16926.73 | 282 | Re-deploy HTI |
| SAY14 | 6/09 | 1929 | 5300.42 | 16922.41 | 854 | Recover HTI |


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| UMY08 | 6/10 | 1007 | 5338.13 | 16740.88 | 1183 | CTD 101 |
|  | 6/10 | 1043 | 5337.80 | 16740.02 | 1187 | CaIVET 63 |
| UMY07 | 6/10 | 1118 | 5332.70 | 16739.93 | 117 | CTD 102 |
|  | 6/10 | 1135 | 5332.37 | 16740.02 | 115 | CaIVET 64 |
| UMY06 | 6/10 | 1210 | 5327.34 | 16739.00 | 124 | CTD 103 |
|  | 6/10 | 1224 | 5327.17 | 16739.03 | 124 | CaIVET 65 |
| UMY05 | 6/10 | 1301 | 5323.38 | 16745.62 | 75 | CTD 104 |
|  | 6/10 | 1312 | 5323.12 | 16745.76 | 86 | CaIVET 66 |
| UMY04 | 6/10 | 1345 | 5319.95 | 16752.28 | 57 | CTD 105 |
|  | 6/10 | 1357 | 5319.98 | 16752.54 | 57 | CaIVET 67 |
| UMY03 | 6/10 | 1412 | 5318.27 | 16755.47 | 80 | CTD 106 |
|  | 6/10 | 1421 | 5318.35 | 16755.50 | 80 | CaIVET 68 |
| UMY02 | 6/10 | 1500 | 5312.62 | 16755.68 | 69 | CTD 107 |
|  | 6/10 | 1516 | 5312.72 | 16755.40 | 69 | CaIVET 69 |
| UMY01 | 6/10 | 1555 | 5307.19 | 16755.94 | 88 | CTD 108 |
|  | 6/10 | 1607 | 5307.13 | 16755.76 | 88 | CaIVET 70 |
|  | 6/10 | 1628 | 5307.18 | 16755.83 | 88 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, birds, whales transect UMY01-08 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UMY07+ | 6/10 | 2053 | 5333.44 | 16739.94 | 400 | Recover HTI |
|  | 6/10 | 2138 | 5333.23 | 16740.81 | 437 | whales |
| UMY07 | 6/11 | 0710 |  |  |  | Start bird, whale obs. |
|  | 6/11 | 1252 | 5359.27 | 16701.23 |  | Small boat ops, whales |
| UNY20 | 6/12 | 0119 | 5422.27 | 16506.18 | 140 | Deploy MOCNESS 38 |
|  | 6/12 | 0148 | 5423.47 | 16506.71 | 150 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY23 | 6/12 | 0249 | 5425.62 | 16518.72 | 155 | Deploy MOCNESS 39 |
|  | 6/12 | 0318 | 5426.37 | 16519.82 | 150 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY27 | 6/12 | 0429 | 5430.16 | 16535.68 | 139 | Deploy MOCNESS 40 |
|  | 6/12 | 0455 | 5430.90 | 16536.89 | 219 | Recover MOCNESS |
| UNY27 | 6/12 | 0601 | 5430.00 | 16535.39 | 133 | CTD 109 (prod) |
| Acoustics, bird, whale obs, UNY27-6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| UNY15 | 6/12 | 1103 | 5416.27 | 16545.04 | 92 | Recover HTI for CTD |
| UNY15 | 6/12 | 1114 | 5416.22 | 16445.06 | 86 | CTD 110 (prod) |
| UNY15 | 6/12 | 1136 | 5416.18 | 16444.87 | 80 | Redeploy HTI |
| UNY06 | 6/12 | 1500 | 5405.97 | 16407.54 | 69 | Recover HTI |
| UNY06 | 6/12 | 1504 | 5405.98 | 16407.64 | 69 | CTD 111 (prod) |
|  | 6/12 | 1518 | 5405.99 | 16407.78 | 70 | CaIVET 71 |
| UNY08 | 6/12 | 1558 | 5408.23 | 16416.04 | 76 | CTD 112 |
| UNY10 | 6/12 | 1642 | 5410.47 | 16424.29 | 91 | CTD 113 |
|  | 6/12 | 1656 | 5410.33 | 16424.19 | 91 | CalVET 72 |
| UNY12 | 6/12 | 1737 | 5412.82 | 16432.79 | 113 | CTD 114 |
| UNY14 | 6/12 | 1822 | 5415.26 | 16441.04 | 85 | CTD 115 |
|  | 6/12 | 1831 | 5415.65 | 16441.33 | 85 | CaIVET 73 |
| UNY16 | 6/12 | 1910 | 5417.41 | 16449.65 | 60 | CTD 116 |


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| UNY18 | 6/12 | 1941 | 5419.77 | 16457.74 | 85 | CTD 117 |
|  | 6/12 | 1958 | 5419.70 | 16457.81 | 85 | CalVET 74 |
| UNY20 | 6/12 | 2029 | 5422.05 | 16506.23 | 140 | CTD 118 |
| UNY22 | 6/12 | 2108 | 5424.35 | 16514.47 | 165 | CTD 119 |
|  | 6/12 | 2129 | 5424.28 | 16514.57 | 165 | CaIVET 75 |
| UNY24 | 6/12 | 2207 | 5426.66 | 16522.88 | 146 | CTD 120 |
| UNY27 | 6/12 | 2305 | 5430.09 | 16535.44 | 136 | CTD 121 |
|  | 6/12 | 2318 | 5430.19 | 16535.66 | 136 | CalVET 76 |
| AKY19 | 6/13 | 0411 | 5409.12 | 16630.36 | 942 | Deploy MOCNESS 41 |
|  | 6/13 | 0443 | 5408.63 | 16628.33 | 938 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY17 | 6/13 | 0525 | 5406.86 | 16622.14 | 106 | Deploy MOCNESS 42 |
|  | 6/13 | 0555 | 5406.31 | 16620.87 | 93 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY16 | 6/13 | 0702 | 5405.66 | 16618.12 | 88 | CTD 122 |
|  | 6/13 | 0801 | 5405.78 | 16618.30 | 89 | CTD 123 |
|  | 6/13 | 0859 | 5405.74 | 16618.08 | 88 | CTD 124 |
|  | 6/13 | 1000 | 5405.73 | 16618.12 | 88 | CTD 125 |
|  | 6/13 | 1059 | 5405.73 | 16618.11 | 88 | CTD 126 |
|  | 6/13 | 1159 | 5405.69 | 16618.10 | 88 | CTD 127 |
|  | 6/13 | 1301 | 5405.73 | 16618.12 | 88 | CTD 128 |
|  | 6/13 | 1359 | 5405.65 | 16618.18 | 88 | CTD 129 |
|  | 6/13 | 1500 | 5405.67 | 16618.21 | 88 | CTD 130 |
|  | 6/13 | 1600 | 5405.69 | 16618.24 | 88 | CTD 131 |
|  | 6/13 | 1700 | 5405.69 | 16618.23 | 88 | CTD 132 |
|  | 6/13 | 1800 | 5405.74 | 16618.17 | 88 | CTD 133 |
|  | 6/13 | 1902 | 5405.78 | 16618.16 | 88 | CTD 134 |
|  | 6/13 | 2001 | 5405.71 | 16618.20 | 88 | CTD 135 |
|  | 6/13 | 2101 | 5405.68 | 16618.17 | 88 | CTD 136 |
|  | 6/13 | 2200 | 5405.72 | 16618.18 | 88 | CTD 137 |
| Break off operations, winds up to 40 knots |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AKY19 | 6/15 | 1349 | 5409.25 | 16630.59 | 940 | CTD 138 |
|  | 6/15 | 1420 | 5409.31 | 16630.05 | 940 | CaIVET 77 |
| AKY17 | $6 / 15$ | 1458 | 5406.82 | 16622.33 | 108 | CTD 139 |
|  | 6/15 | 1510 | 5406.96 | 16622.11 | 100 | CaIVET 78 |
| AKY15 | 6/15 | 1549 | 5404.56 | 16614.02 | 77 | CTD 140 |
|  | 6/15 | 1600 | 5404.61 | 16614.19 | 77 | CaIVET 79 |
| AKY13 | 6/15 | 1642 | 5402.24 | 16605.77 | 58 | CTD 141 |
| AKY11 | 6/15 | 1734 | 5359.87 | 16557.52 | 92 | CTD 142 |
|  | 6/15 | 1747 | 5359.91 | 16558.24 | 104 | CaIVET 80 |
| AKY09 | 6/15 | 1840 | 5357.52 | 16549.35 | 79 | CTD 143 |
| AKY07 | 6/15 | 1930 | 5356.28 | 16540.92 | 101 | CTD 144 |
|  | 6/15 | 1958 | 5355.38 | 16541.15 | 101 | CaIVET 81 |
| AKY05 | 6/15 | 2035 | 5353.02 | 16532.79 | 97 | CTD 145 |
| AKY03 | 6/15 | 2127 | 5350.58 | 16524.23 | 97 | CTD 146 |
|  | 6/15 | 2139 | 5350.70 | 16524.55 | 97 | CaIVET 82 |


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| AKY01 | 6/15 | 2227 | 5348.34 | 16515.92 | 125 | CTD 147 |
| AKY07 | 6/16 | 0032 | 5355.12 | 16540.76 | 99 | Deploy MOCNESS |
|  | 6/16 | 0055 | 5354.75 | 16539.47 | 99 | Recover MOCNESS |
| AKY04 | 6/16 | 0152 | 5351.71 | 16528.44 | 91 | Deploy MOCNESS |
|  | 6/16 | 0217 | 5351.30 | 16526.94 | 92 | MOCNESS |
| AKY01 | 6/16 | 0322 | 5348.18 | 16515.92 | 127 | Deploy MOCNESS |
|  | 6/16 | 0350 | 5347.49 | 16514.46 | 139 | Recover MOCNESS |
|  | 6/16 | 0435 | 5348.29 | 16516.27 | 149 | CTD 148 (prod) |
|  | 6/16 | 0500 | 5348.14 | 16515.55 |  | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, birds, whales transect AKY01-AKY19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AKY19 | 6/16 | 1325 | 5409.16 | 16630.68 |  | Recover HTI |
| Krill | 6/16 | 2105 | 5426.93 | 16540.28 | 234 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics line, patch of krill with birds, whales |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6/16 | 2139 | 5426.00 | 16543.40 | 300 | Recover HTI |
| AKY14 | 6/17 | 0107 | 5403.30 | 16609.97 | 75 | Deploy MOCNESS |
|  | 6/17 | 0135 | 5402.77 | 16609.83 | 70 | Recover MOCNESS |
| Dropped George off in Dutch Harbor |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KRX07 | 6/17 | 1313 | 5426.51 | 16536.48 | 127 | CTD 149 |
| KRX06 | 6/17 | 1334 | 5425.60 | 16538.26 | 150 | CTD 150 |
| KRX05 | 6/17 | 1354 | 5424.74 | 16540.17 | 155 | CTD 151 |
| KRX04 | 6/17 | 1415 | 5423.84 | 16542.10 | 152 | CTD 152 |
| KRX03 | 6/17 | 1436 | 5423.00 | 16543.87 | 110 | CTD 153 |
| KRX02 | 6/17 | 1456 | 5422.13 | 16545.74 | 134 | CTD 154 |
| KRX01 | 6/17 | 1517 | 5421.25 | 16547.69 | 124 | CTD 155 |
|  | 6/17 | 1546 | 5421.30 | 16547.69 | 125 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, birds, whales line, KR01-KR07+ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KRX07+ | 6/17 | 1731 | 5427.06 | 16533.92 | 102 | Recover HTI |
|  | 6/17 | 1734 | 5427.07 | 16533.78 | 100 | CTD 156 |
| KRY01 | 6/17 | 1830 | 5420.88 | 16529.52 | 139 | Deploy HTI |
| Acoustics, birds, whales line, KRY01-KRY09 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| KRY09 | 6/17 | 2016 | 5428.33 | 16543.74 |  | Recover HTI |
|  | 6/17 | 2023 | 5428.39 | 16543.59 | 364 | CTD 157 |
| KRY08 | 6/17 | 2056 | 5427.53 | 16541.86 | 312 | CTD 158 |
| KRY07 | 6/17 | 2127 | 5426.60 | 16540.12 | 212 | CTD 159 |
| KRY06 | 6/17 | 2154 | 5425.69 | 16538.31 | 123 | CTD 160 |
| KRY05 | 6/17 | 2219 | 5424.83 | 16536.66 | 104 | CTD 161 |
| KRY04 | 6/17 | 2241 | 5423.92 | 16534.90 | 87 | CTD 162 |
| KRY03 | 6/17 | 2303 | 5422.88 | 16532.86 | 121 | CTD 163 |
| KRY02 | 6/17 | 2325 | 5422.12 | 16531.34 | 164 | CTD 164 |
| KRY01 | 6/17 | 2350 | 5421.30 | 16529.66 | 140 | CTD 165 |

