# TGS 2010 Operations and Monitoring Plans Chukchi Sea 2D Seismic Survey

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# **TGS' Profile**

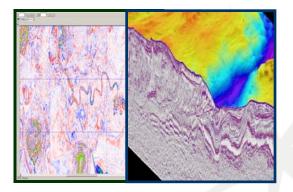
A leading provider of multi-client seismic data and related geoscientific products to the oil & gas industry.

- Main offices: Houston (USA) and Asker (Norway) Regional offices: London, Stavanger, Perth, Moscow
- Approximately 630 employees
- Traded on Oslo Stock Exchange, in OBX Index (25 most liquid shares at the OSE).



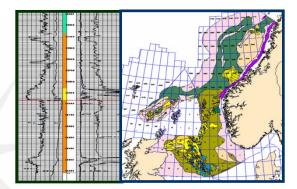
# **TGS' Core Businesses**

#### **Geophysical**



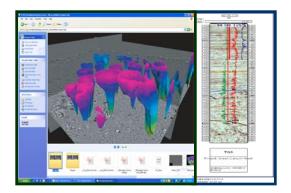
- 2D Seismic
- 3D Seismic
- Wide Azimuth Seismic
- Aeromagnetics
- Gravity
- Electromag (CSEM)
- Multi-beam

#### **Geological**



- Digital well data
- Production data
- Core data
- Regional geologic interpretation
- Facies Map Browser
- Interpretive services

#### **Imaging Services**



- Seismic processing
- High end depth imaging
- Proprietary technology
- Ongoing R&D investment
- Contract business model



# **TGS' Values**

- Responsibility to Clients & Customers
  - We promise to provide quality and service
- Responsibility to Employees
  - Our #1 asset
- Responsibility to Communities and Environment
  - This is where we live and work
- Responsibility to Shareholders
  - We strive to provide profit and growth



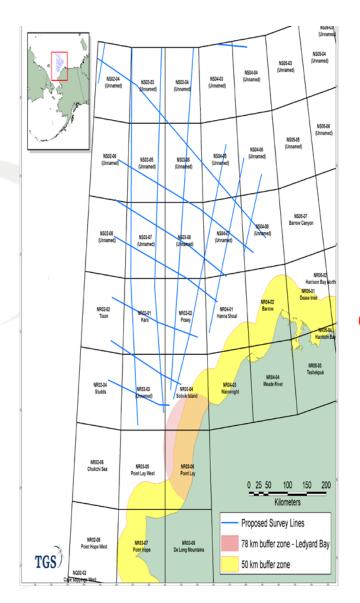


# **Proposed 2D Seismic Survey**

# A regional, baseline survey for the Chukchi Sea

- One seismic vessel, one source array, one streamer
  - Source = 3400 cu in
  - Streamer = 6 8 km (~3-4 miles) \*\*ice dependent
- ~5,000 km of seismic lines (~3,100 miles)
- Data belongs to TGS to license to multiple customers







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# **Operational Time Line**

Start Date: \*\*July 22/August 1

Calculated Length: 30 – 35 days

#### Variables:

- Ice
- Marine mammals
- SIMOPS
- Weather
- Equipment

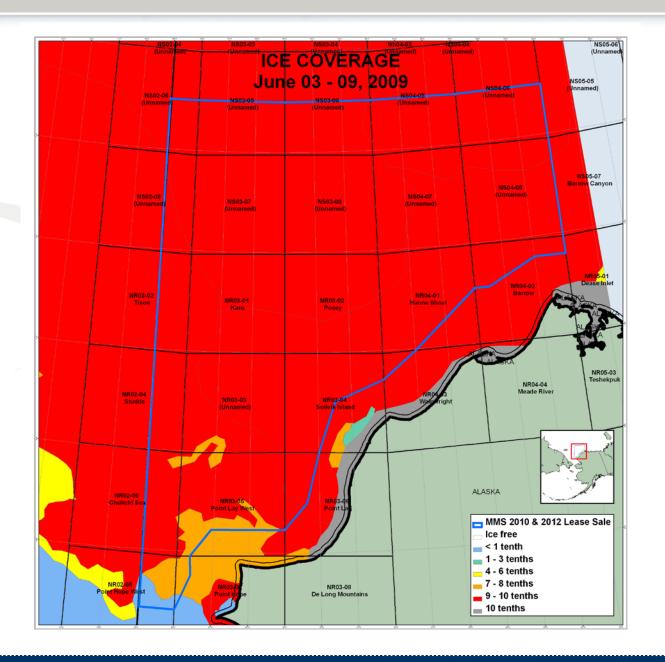
ACTIVITY	DURATION	DATE
Acquisition (planned)	5-7 weeks	August - Mid-September
Acquisition (permitted)	3 months	August-October

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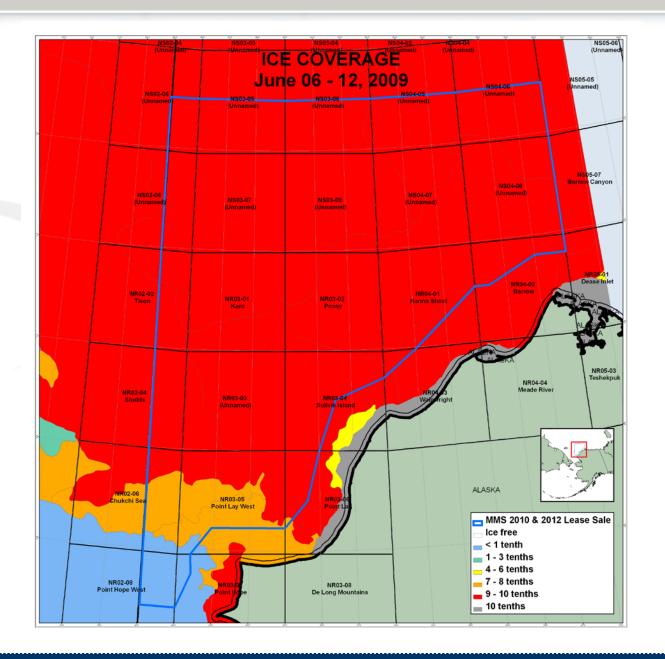
# **Plan of Operations**

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DURATION	COMMENTS
Pre-Survey	Nome, AK	1 week	Fuel, supplies, training/start-up meetings
Transit	To Chukchi Sea	2 days	
Acquisition	Chukchi Sea	5-7 weeks	
Transit	To Nome, AK	3 days**	
Crew change	Nome, AK	1 – 3 days	
Transit	TBD	TBD	TBD

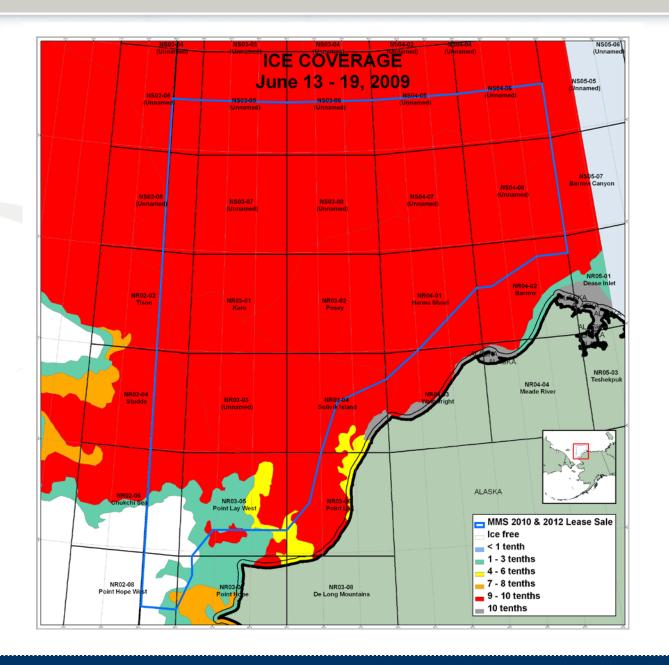




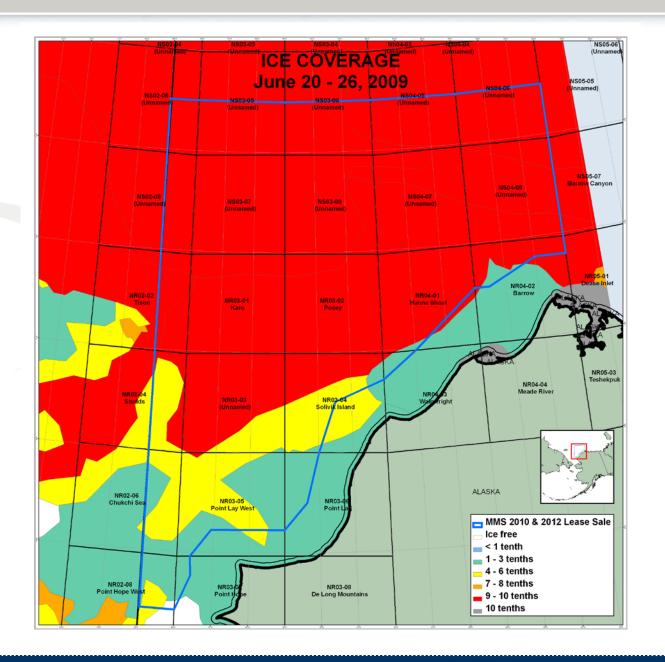




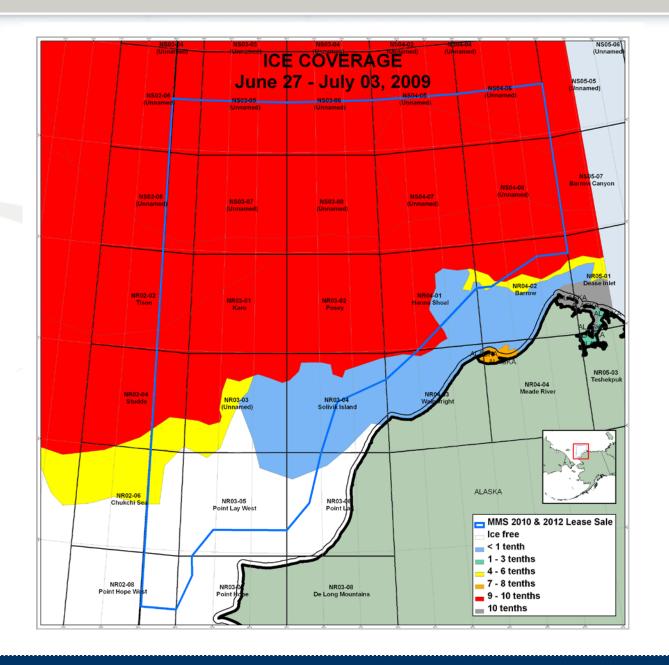




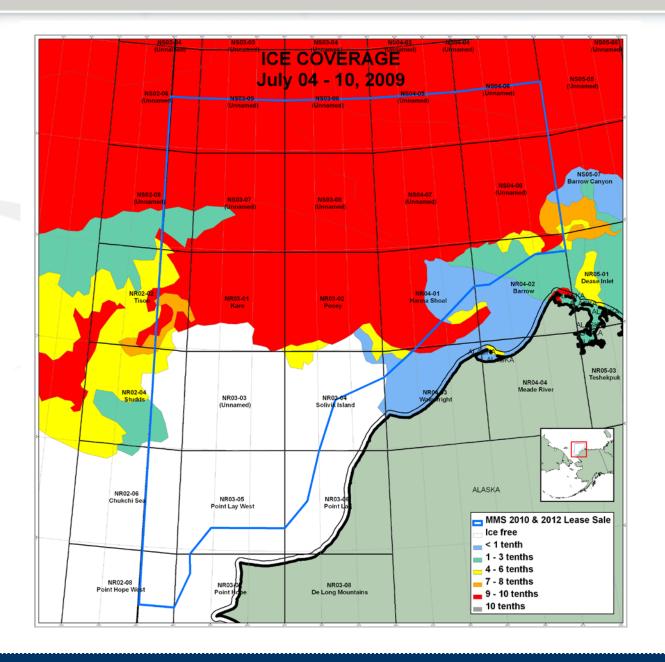




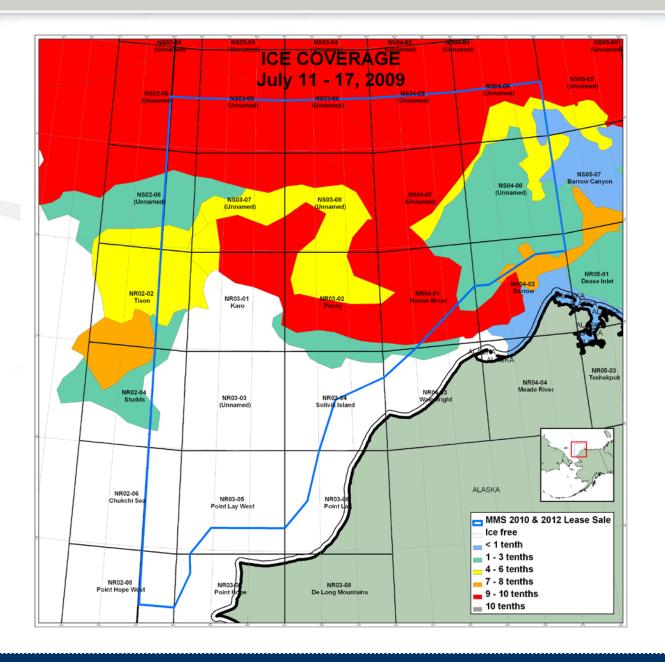




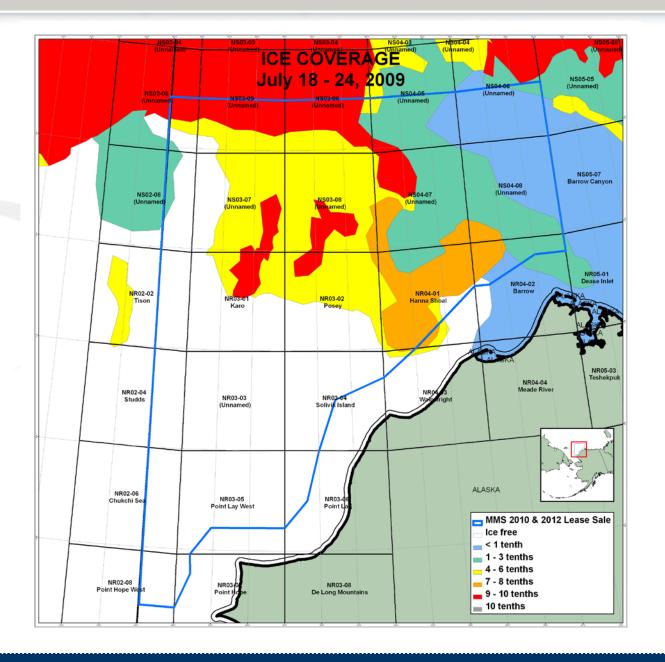




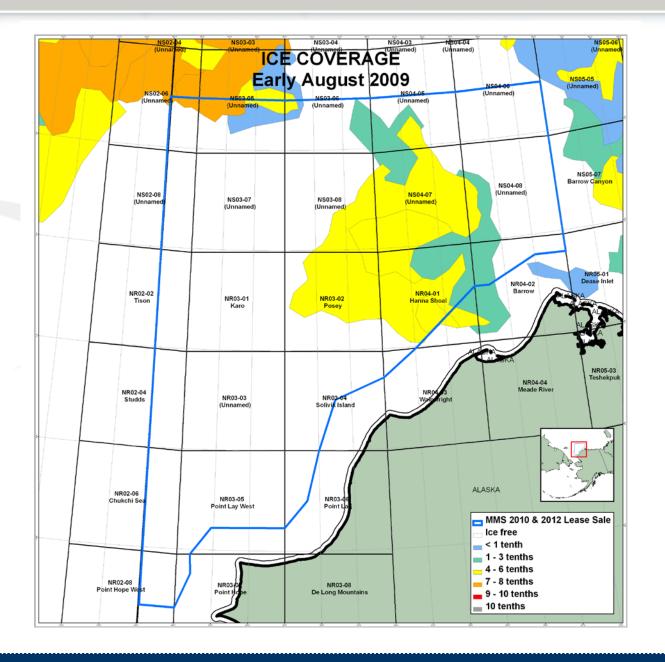




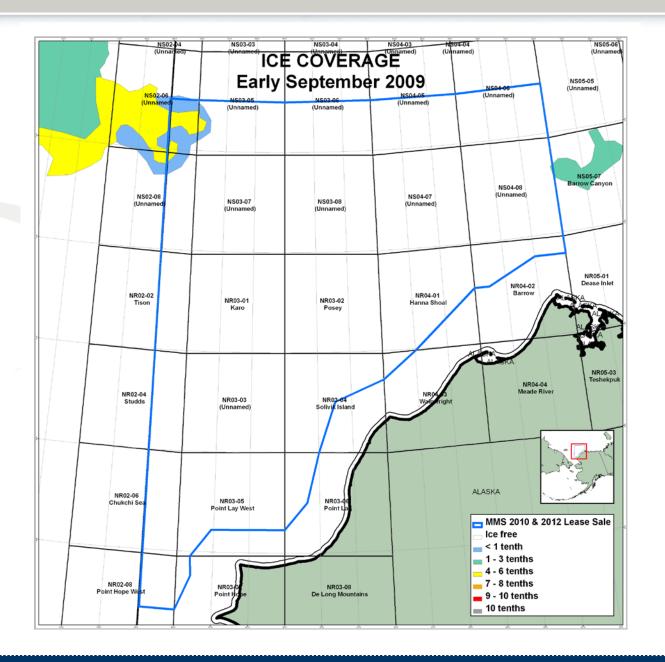




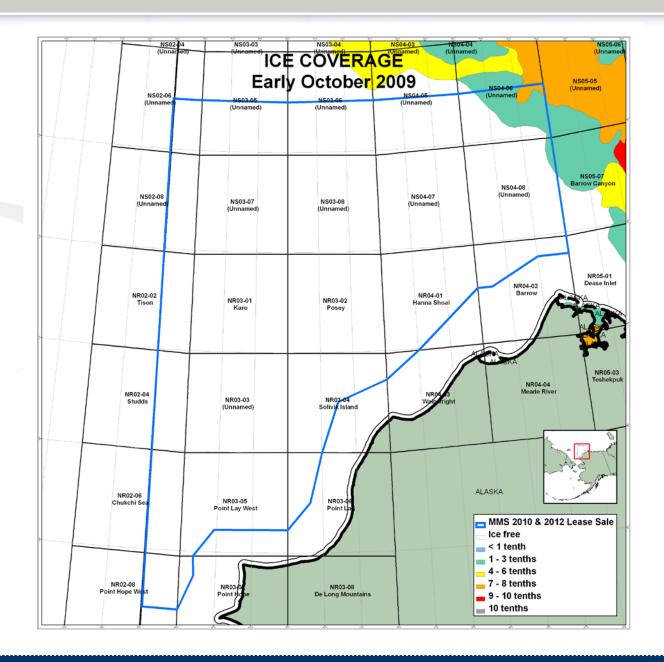




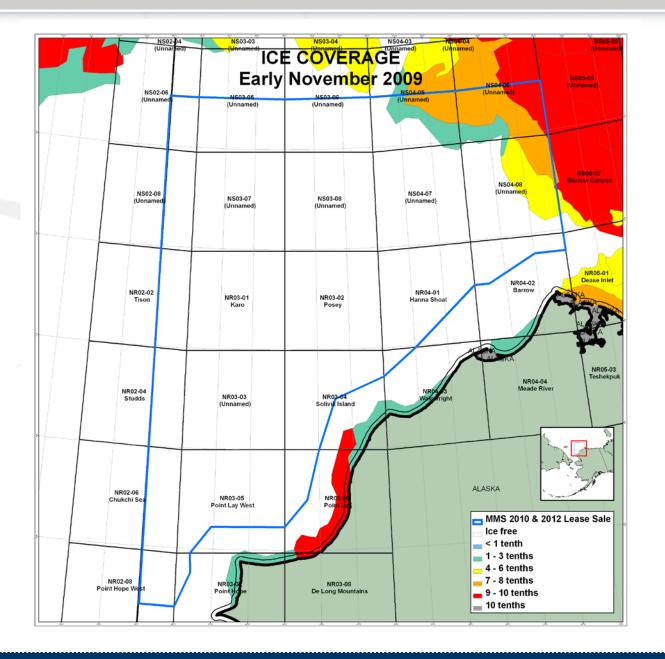










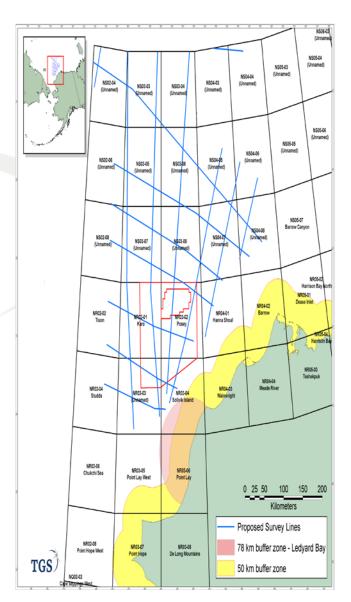




# SIMOPS (Simultaneous Operations)

- Common practice
- Coordinate with other operators
  - Prevent interference
  - Maintain safe distances
- Resolve conflict
  - Time sharing
  - Strategic planning in acquisition timing







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## Objectives:

- Minimize impacts
- Collect data on distribution and abundance of marine animals in the survey area
- Document marine mammal occurrence and activity near seismic operations
- Basis for real-time mitigation (power downs and shut downs of the airguns)





### Sound Source Verification

Conducted early in the survey

Revise safety radii as needed for implementation by

**MMOs** 



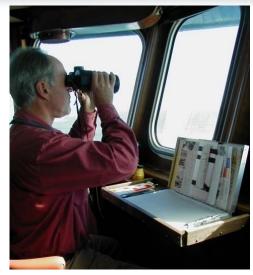


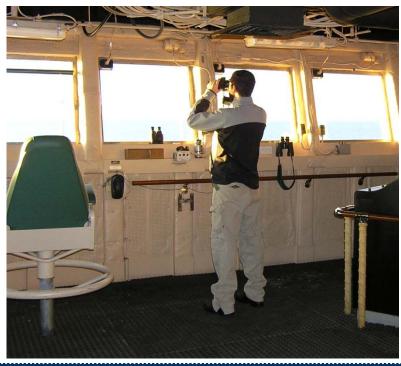
### Vessel based observers

- 5 on source vessel
- 3 on scout vessel\*\*



- all daylight seismic operations
- most daylight nonseismic operations
- 30 min before, and during ramp ups (2 MMOs)







- Ensure safety radii are clear of respective marine mammals for 30 minutes prior to and during ramp ups
  - 180 dB zone for cetaceans and walruses
  - 190 dB zone for pinnipeds and polar bears
  - Start ups only performed when full safety radii are visible during daylight for ≥30 min





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- Continually monitor safety zones during daylight airgun activity
  - Power down to mitigation gun if a marine mammal is sighted within or likely to enter the full airgun array safety radii

 Shut down of all airguns if a marine mammal is sighted within or likely to enter the mitigation airgun

safety radii





# Oil Spill Response

- On board oil spill response plan (Tier One)
  - First line of defense
- Team is assessing the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor
- Discussing options with local contractors

No bunkering at sea!



# **Next Steps**

- Modify survey lines as necessary
- Modify 4MP as necessary
- Secure logistics support
  - Port services
  - Finalize MMO distribution
  - Oil spill response
  - Conflict Avoidance Agreement\*\*





# Modeled Sound Radii

Received sound level	Water d	Water depth (m)			
(dB re 1 µPa rms)	<100	>100			
190	710	430			
180	2600	2400			
160	12,000	18,000			



	Number of Exposures to Sound Levels ≥160 dB						
	Summer		F	Fall		Total	
	Avg.	Max.	Avg.	Max.	Avg.	Max.	
Odontocetes							
Monodontidae							
Beluga	493	985	638	1275	1130	2260	
Narwhal	0	1	0	0	0	5	
Delphinidae							
Killer whale	11	43	4	14	14	5	
Phocoenidae							
Harbor porpoise	118	172	36	47	154	218	
Mysticetes							
Bowhead whale	193	386	685	1369	878	1756	
Fin whale	11	43	4	14	14	5	
Gray whale	869	1739	222	444	1091	2182	
Humpback Whale	11	43	4	14	14	5	
Minke whale	11	43	4	14	14	5	
<b>Total Cetaceans</b>	1716	3455	1594	3192			
Pinnipeds							
Bearded seal	1181	2246	394	749	1575	2994	
Ribbon seal	32	129	11	43	43	172	
Ringed seal	40682	67373	9086	15047	49767	82419	
Spotted seal	814	1347	181	299	994	1647	
<b>Total Pinnipeds</b>	42708	71095	9671	16138			



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