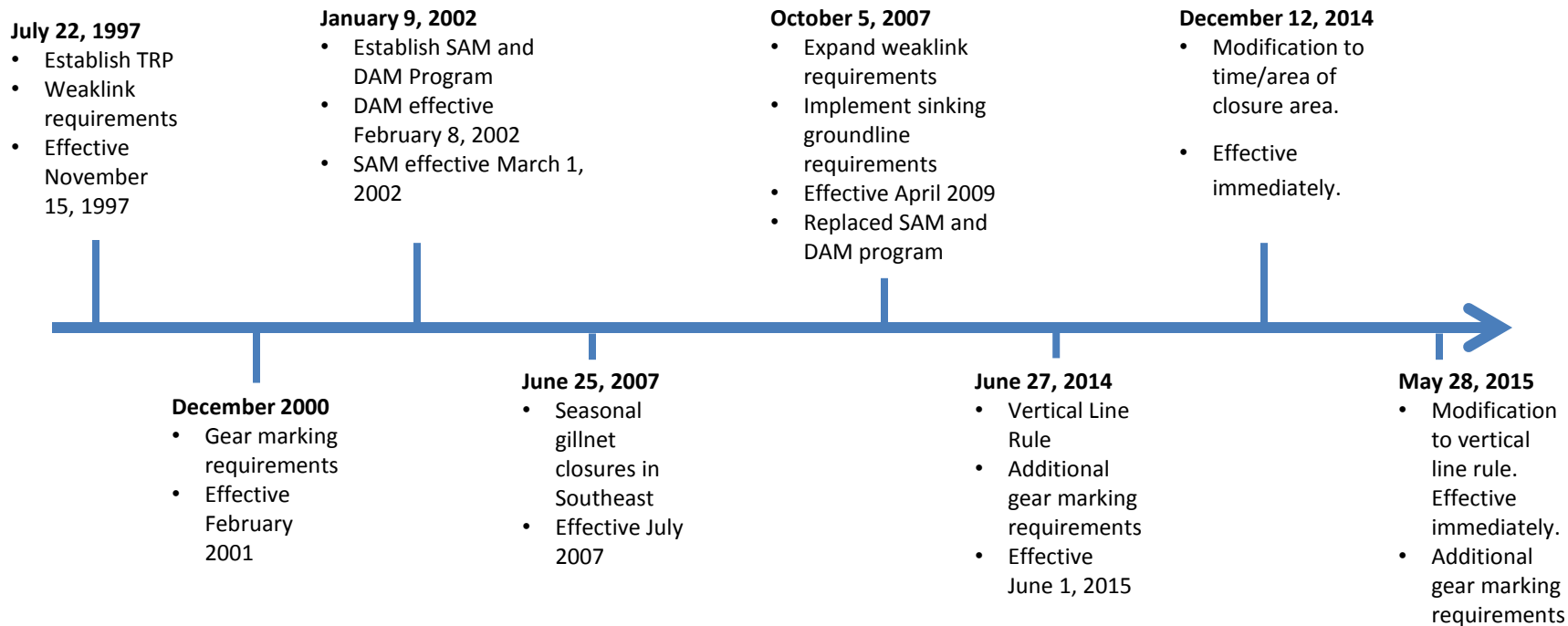


Timeline of ALWTRP 1997-2015

For more information: <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected/whaletrp/plan/index.html>



Status of the Plan January 2016

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- Most recent rulemaking took place on May 28, 2015
- Continue to monitor the plan according to the Monitoring Strategy ([Monitoring Strategy \(January 2012\)](#))
 - Continue to work to monitor compliance and enforce regulations
 - Continues training and coordination efforts with enforcement partners
- Developing next steps for co-occurrence model to update data and support monitoring of the vertical line rule.
 - Phase I: Improve fishing effort data availability to support the further development and implementation of the Plan. NMFS is looking to cut down on the variability of the effort data and get a comprehensive and consistent set of effort data.
 - Phase II: Improve whale distribution data to include opportunistic and passive acoustic data.

Status of the Species (North Atlantic Right Whale)

Information from Draft 2015 SARS: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/draft.htm>

Right Whale (Western North Atlantic): Total Mortality (Fisheries + Vessel Strike)

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Human Caused SI/M	US Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Human Caused SI/M	Canada Human Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Human Caused M/SI
476	1	4.3	1.1	2.05	0	1.15

Right Whale (Western North Atlantic): Fisheries Entanglement Mortality

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Fishery Entanglement SI/M	US Fishery Entanglement M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Fishery Entanglement SI/M	Canada Fishery Entanglement Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Fishery Entanglement M/SI
476	1	3.4	0.2	2.05	0	1.15

Right Whale (Western North Atlantic): Ship Strike Mortality

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Ship Strike SI/M	US Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Ship Strike SI/M	Canada Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Ship Strike M/SI
476	1	0.9	0.7	0.2	0	0

Status of the Species (Humpback Whale)¹

Information from Draft 2015 SARS: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/draft.htm>

Humpback Whale (Gulf of Maine): Total Mortality (Fisheries + Vessel Strike)

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Human Caused SI/M	US Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Human Caused SI/M	Canada Human Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Human Caused M/SI
823	2.7	9	3.4	4.4	0.35	0.7

Humpback Whale (Gulf of Maine): Fisheries Entanglement Mortality

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Fishery Entanglement SI/M	US Fishery Entanglement M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Fishery Entanglement SI/M	Canada Fishery Entanglement Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Fishery Entanglement M/SI
823	2.7	7.25	1.8	4.4	0.35	0.7

Humpback Whale (Gulf of Maine): Ship Strike Mortality

Minimum/Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Ship Strike SI/M	US Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Ship Strike SI/M	Canada Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Ship Strike M/SI
823	1.6	1.6	0	0	0	0

¹ NOAA Fisheries proposed to identify 14 Distinct Population Segments (DPS), list 2 as threatened and 2 as endangered, and identify 10 others as not warranted for listing (80 FR 22303, April 21, 2015)

Status of the Species (Fin Whale)

Information from Draft 2015 SARS: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/draft.htm>

Fin Whale (Western North Atlantic): Total Mortality (Fisheries + Vessel Strike)

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Human Caused SI/M	US Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Human Caused SI/M	Canada Human Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Human Caused M/SI
1,234	1,618	2.5	3.55	2	0.65	0.6	0.3

Fin Whale (Western North Atlantic): Fisheries Entanglement Mortality

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Fishery Entanglement SI/M	US Fishery Entanglement M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Fishery Entanglement SI/M	Canada Fishery Entanglement Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Fishery Entanglement M/SI
1,234	1,618	2.5	1.75	0.2	0.65	0.6	0.3

Fin Whale (Western North Atlantic): Ship Strike Mortality

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Ship Strike SI/M	US Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Ship Strike SI/M	Canada Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Ship Strike M/SI
1,234	1,618	2.5	1.8	1.8	0	0	0

Status of the Species (Minke Whale)

Information from Draft 2015 SARS: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/sars/draft.htm>

Minke Whale (Canadian East Coast Stock): Total Mortality (Fisheries + Vessel Strike)

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Human Caused SI/M	US Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Human Caused SI/M	Canada Human Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Human Caused M/SI
16,199	20,741	162	7.7	2.7	1.9	2.45	0

Minke Whale (Canadian East Coast Stock): Fisheries Entanglement Mortality

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Fishery Entanglement SI/M	US Fishery Entanglement M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Fishery Entanglement SI/M	Canada Fishery Entanglement Caused M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Fishery Entanglement M/SI
16,199	20,741	162	6.7 or 6.5	1.7	2.05	2.75	0

Minke Whale (Canadian East Coast Stock): Ship Strike Mortality

Minimum Population Estimate	Best Population Estimate	PBR	Total Ship Strike SI/M	US Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in US Ship Strike SI/M	Canada Ship Strike M/SI	Unassigned 1 st Sighted in Canada Ship Strike M/SI
16,199	20,741	162	1.2	1.2	0	0	0