

BALEEN WHALE

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| ANIMAL ID | | | | Necropsy Date: |
| Location | | | | |
| Lat | | Long | | |
| Reported by: | | | | Contact info: |
| Necropsied by: | | | | Contact info: |
| Species | | | Age | AD; SA; YOY; pup/calf; Fetus; Unknown |
| Forms done: | Level A | HI | Sex | M F Unknown |
| Straight Length | cm/in | Weight | lb/kg | est or actual |
| Axillary girth | cm/in | blubber depth | mm | Location |
| Carcass Code | 2 (fresh); 2.5 (mild decomp); 3 (moderate); 4 (poor); 5 (mummified / skeletal) | | | |
| Body condition | Robust Good average poor emaciated | | | |
| Brief History: | | | | |
| PHOTOS Dorsal fin Right side left side fluke ventral dorsal (CIRCLE) | | | | |
| Necropsy notes: | | UAM Samples ID Liver Kidney Muscle Spleen Heart | | |
| NBF = Neutral buffered Formalin | | | | |
| 10% NBF DON'T FREEZE Skin Lesions! Muscle Testes Ovary R and L Uterus Lung Placentax3 Heart Stomach Liver Intestinex3 Spleen Mes LN Kidney Brain Uterus Thyroid Adrenal gland Tongue | | small Whirl (FREEZE) Skin Lesions! Muscle Uterus Testes Placenta x3 Lung chest LN Heart Intestine Liver Mes LN Spleen Brain Kidney Tongue | | Large whirl with foil (FREEZE)# Blubber DAX or LAX or VAX (circle) AND Blubber BDF |
| ear Plug 15% NBF | | Swabs (FREEZE) BH (VTMx2) Rectal (VTMx2) | | 15 or 50 ml cent tubes (FREEZE) Stomach content feces x2 Urine x2 |
| DMSO VIAL (Freeze) Skinx2 Muscle | | Other - | | Museum kit - Color top cryovials, form and whirl (Freeze) Liver, kidney, muscle spleen |
| TEFLON Blubber Liver | | Large bags (FREEZE) Eyeball Bone Baleenx2 Entire stomach? Repro tract | | |
| *Swabs and Teflon: ONLY FRESH non frozen. # D,L,V AX = dorsal, lateral, ventral axillary; BDF = behind dorsal ; BH=Blowhole; VTM=Viral transport media | | | | |

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Fin whales:

DAX-45mm; LAX = 60 mm; BDF = 110 mm - (Lockyer 1986)

Balaenopterid L & R External Observations

Field ID# _____ Date _____ Observer _____

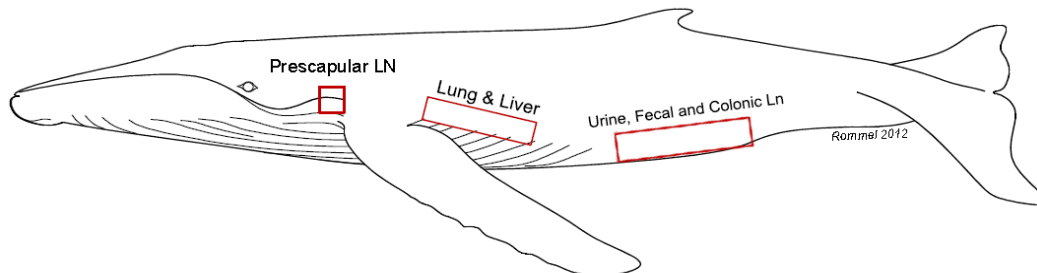


Left Side Observations

Right Side Observations



Humpback Window Locations for "Quick" Sampling



- Prescapular Ln is found on the leading edge of the scapula and is in a triangle of fat ventral to the axial muscle
- Lung will be visible between the ribs after you cut out intercostal muscle: Liver is found just below the diaphragm
- Colon is deep along the midline (flow forward from the anus): Bladder is ventral to the colon

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)

Newborns- 3.96 – 4.57 m (13-15 ft) 680-1400 kg

Weaning: 8-10 m; Length at independence is between approx. 9-10 m (26.25 – 32.8 ft)

Adult female – 15 m; Adult male 13.5 m; Adult Weight 30,000 to 48,000 t

Sexual maturity at approx. 5 yrs of age

GREY WHALE - Newborn- 14-16 feet (4.5-5 m) SL; 6 mo (weaning) - 7 m; 1 yr - 8m; 2 yr - 9m

Adult M - 13m (45 ft), adult F - 15m (50 ft)