

ASAMM-Chukchi – Flight 248 – 9 October 2016

Area flown: Transects 21 and 23, partial; coastal transect from Pt. Lay to Ledyard Bay.

Total hours flown: 4.0

Total transect hours: 1.9

Number of bowhead whales seen: 0 (0 calves)

Weather and visibility: Skies were overcast. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 2-6. Visibility was 3 km to unlimited, with haze and glare. There was no sea ice in the area surveyed.

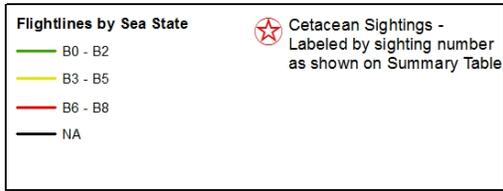
Sightings: Gray whales, walrus, unidentified pinnipeds, and small unidentified pinnipeds.

Preliminary Summary, Flight 248 Date: Sunday, October 09, 2016

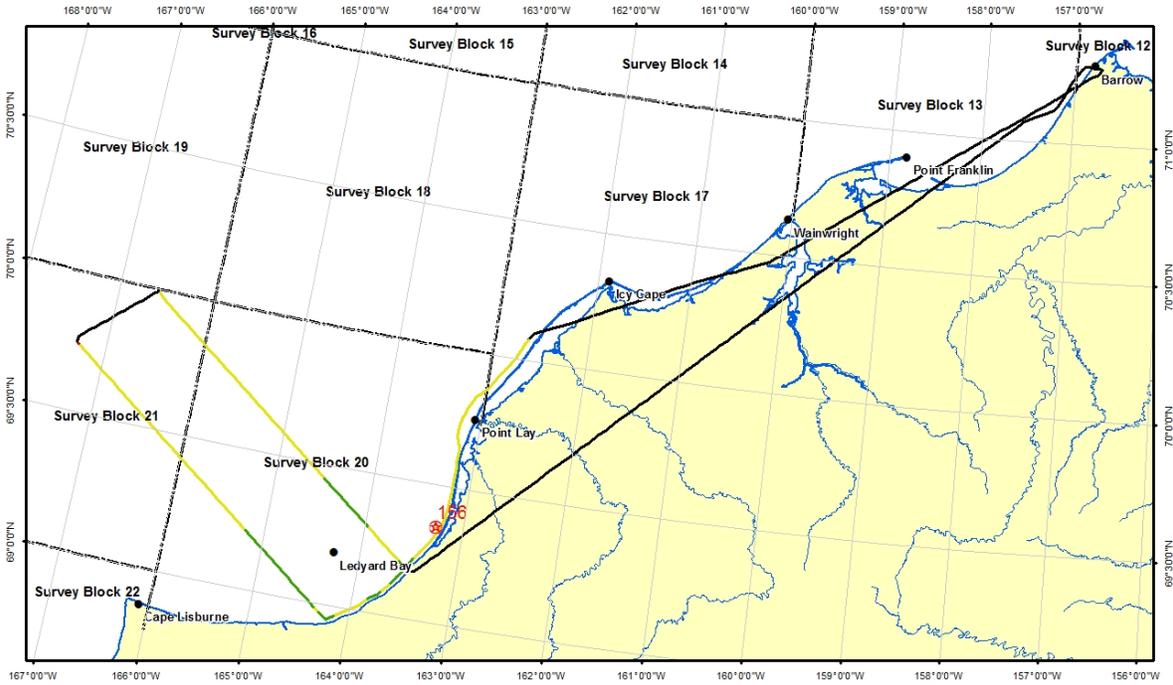
Total bowhead whales: 0	Start time: 10/9/2016 10:56:56 AM	End time: 10/9/2016 2:55:38 PM
Bowhead whale sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 116	Transect km: 448.1
Bowhead whales on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 4	Circling km: 10.3
Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 120	Trans+Circ km: 458.4
Bowhead whale cow-calf pairs on transect: 0	Search minutes: 0	Search km: 1.8
Bowhead whale repeats: 0	Total minutes: 238	Total km: 1111.5
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 118	Deadhead km: 651.3
Total gray whales: 2	Search blocks: 20,21	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 17,20,21	
Other whale sightings: 0		
walrus: yes		
Total polar bears: 0		

Cetacean Sightings:

Event	Lat	Long	Block	Species	Total	Calves	Behavior	Swim Direction	On Effort
156	69.35	-163.27	20	gray whale	2	0	feed	-1	False



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One of two gray whales seen feeding about 60 km south of Pt. Lay, Alaska (Event 156), ASAMM-Chukchi Flight 248, 9 October 2016.