

ASAMM-Chukchi – Flight 245 – 10 October 2017

Area flown: Transect 20, complete; transects 9 and 22, partial.

Total hours flown: 4.9

Total transect hours: 2.2

Number of bowhead whales seen: 0 (0 calves)

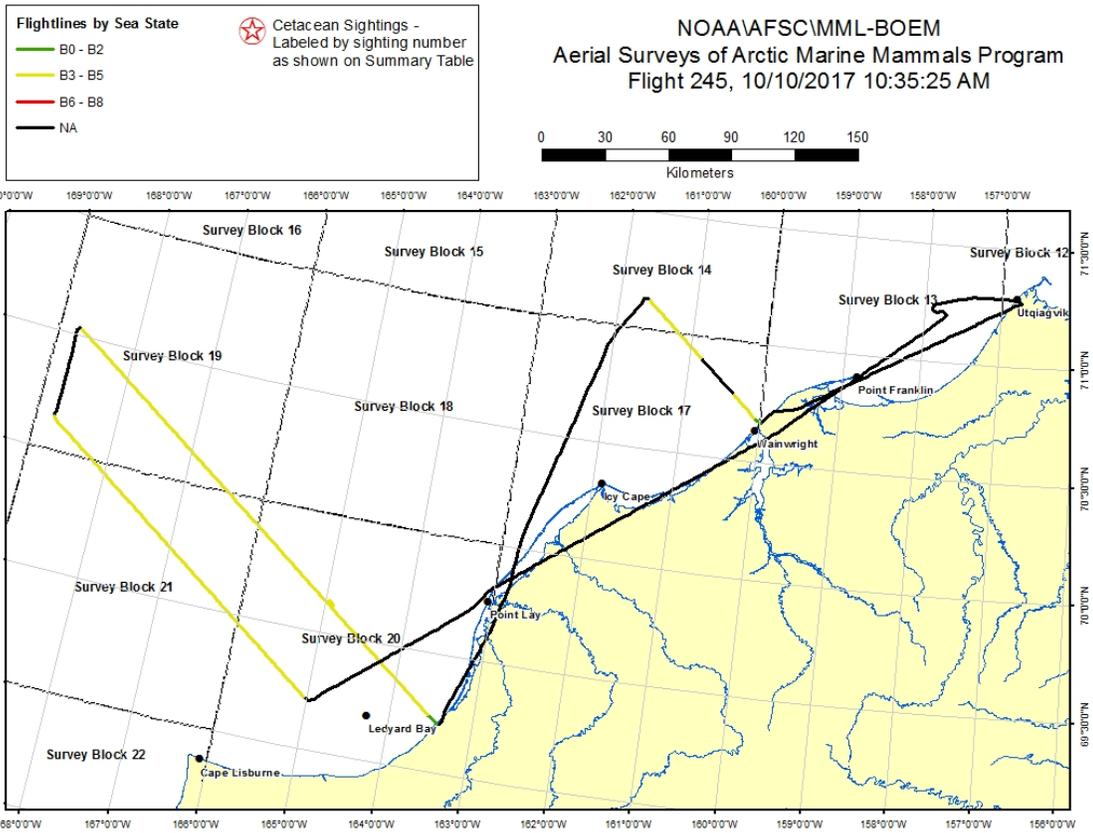
Weather and visibility: Skies were partly cloudy to overcast. Sea state ranged from Beaufort 2 to 5. Visibility ranged from 0 to 10 km, with glare, low ceilings, and precipitation. There was no sea ice in the area surveyed. Low ceilings and high sea states precluded survey effort northwest of Wainwright.

Sightings: Walrus.

Preliminary Summary, Flight 245 Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Total bowhead whales: 0	Start time: 10/10/2017 10:35:25 AM	End time: 10/10/2017 3:28:46 PM
Bowhead whale sightings: 0	Transect minutes: 131	Transect km: 486.4
Bowhead whales on transect: 0	Circling minutes: 2	Circling km: 6.9
Bowhead whale calves: 0	Trans+Circ minutes: 133	Trans+Circ km: 493.3
Bowhead whale calves on transect: 0	Search minutes: 0	Search km: 1.9
Bowhead whale repeats: 0	Total minutes: 293	Total km: 1335.6
Possible repeats: 0	Deadhead minutes: 160	Deadhead km: 840.4
Total gray whales: 0	Search blocks: 14,17,19,20	
Total belugas: 0	Transect blocks: 13,14,17,19,20,21	
Other whale sightings: 0		
walrus: yes		
Total polar bears: 0		

Cetacean Sightings: None



Winter is coming to the North Slope! Snow showers dot the ocean horizon while tundra ponds are starting to freeze over, and the ground has a distinctly white hue. Photo taken by Corey Accardo while transiting during ASAMM-Chukchi Flight 245, 10 October 2017, southwest of Utqiagvik, Alaska.