

ASAMM - Flight 0 – 1 July 2017

The Aerial Surveys of Arctic Marine Mammals (ASAMM) project will be surveying offshore of Alaska again this year (Figure 1). These surveys are funded and co-managed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and conducted and co-managed by NOAA Fisheries. From today through the end of October, ASAMM will have one survey aircraft and field team stationed in Utqiagvik, Alaska, that will focus survey effort in the Chukchi Sea study area. Tomorrow is the first potential survey day for the Utqiagvik team. From 19 July to 10 October, a second ASAMM aircraft and field team will be stationed in Deadhorse, Alaska, and will focus survey effort in the Beaufort Sea study area. Survey flights will be conducted every day, pending weather and logistics (e.g., scheduled aircraft maintenance). After each flight, summary reports will be posted to the ASAMM web page <https://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/cetacean/bwasp/>. Questions about the ASAMM project can be directed to Megan.Ferguson@noaa.gov.

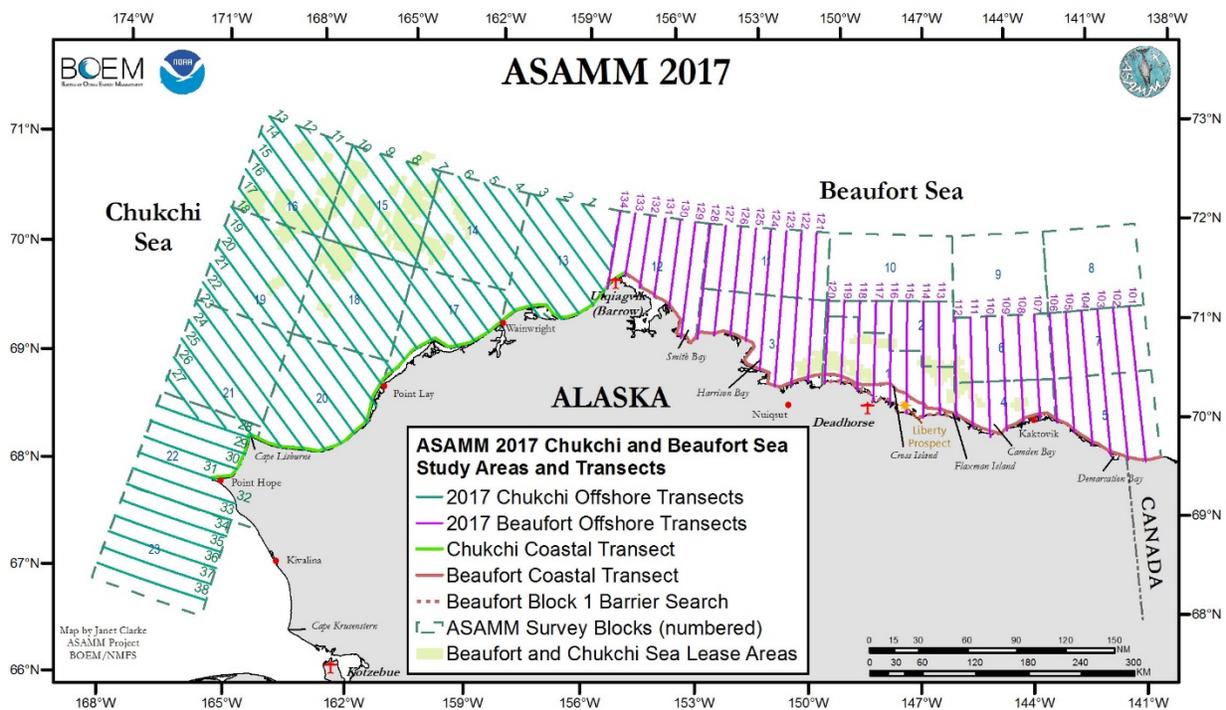


Figure 1. ASAMM 2017 study area and transects in the eastern Chukchi and western Beaufort seas. Opportunistic surveys (on “search”) will be conducted inside the barrier islands in block 1.