

Status of the Plan January 2018

- North Atlantic Right whale serious injuries and mortalities continue to be above PBR

- TRT meets via webinar once a year in November
 - Most recent webinar was November 30, 2017
 - Next TRT in-person meeting in Fall 2018
 - Additional informational webinars on related topics will be held throughout the year

- Developing two subgroups to explore possible solutions to reducing entanglement:
 - Subgroup 1 will investigate the feasibility of 1,700 pound breaking strength rope and alternatives to gear marking
 - Subgroup 2 will investigate the feasibility of ropeless fishing
 - Subgroups will meet via webinar and at in-person meetings over spring and summer, will present recommendations to full TRT at Fall meeting

- Most recent rulemaking took place on May 28, 2015

Status of the Species (North Atlantic Right Whale)

Information from [Draft 2017 SARS](#)

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
455/458	1.4	5.36	1.21	2.45	0	1.7

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
455/458	1.4	4.55	0.4	2.45	0	1.7

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
455/458	1.4	0.81	0.81	0	0	0

Status of the Species (Humpback Whale)¹

Information from [Draft 2017 SARS](#)

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
239/335	3.7	8.25	3.45	4.15	0.35	0.35

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
239/335	3.7	6.45	1.65	4.15	0.35	0.35

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
239/335	3.7	1.8	1.8	0	0	0

¹ NOAA Fisheries identified 14 Distinct Population Segments (DPS), listed 2 as threatened and 2 as endangered, and identify 10 others as not warranted for listing, including humpbacks in the Gulf of Maine stock (81 FR 62259, September 8, 2016)

Status of the Species (Fin Whale)

Information from [Draft 2017 SARS](#)

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	2.64	1.8	0.85	0	0

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	1.05	0.2	0.85	0	0

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	1.6	1.6	0	0	0

Status of the Species (Minke Whale)²

Information from [Draft 2017 SARS](#)

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
1,425	2,591	14	9.0	3.1	2.25	2.9	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
1,425	2,591	14	7.6	1.9	2.25	2.5	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
1,425	2,591	14	1.4	1.2	0	0.4	0

As of 3/15/18, all numbers are draft and subject to change. Finalized data will be published at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/draft-marine-mammal-stock-assessment-reports>.