



Cascadia Research Collective

Responders examine a malnourished adult gray whale in April after it was towed to a remote beach after initially being found floating near downtown Seattle.

Gray whales wash up dead on Northwest beaches

A surge of strandings

By TOM BANSE
Northwest News Network

An unusually large number of gray whales are washing up dead on their north-bound migration past the Oregon and Washington state coasts this year.

The peak stranding time for gray whales in the Pacific Northwest is normally April, May and June. But the federal agency NOAA Fisheries has already logged nine dead whales washed ashore in Washington state and one in Oregon. That's on top of 21 strandings on California beaches since the beginning of the year.

There were 25 dead gray whale strandings on the entire West Coast in all of 2018.

One 39-foot-long dead adult whale was found float-

ing in Elliott Bay this month, right in front of downtown Seattle.

"This is looking like it is going to be a big year for gray whale strandings," said Jessie Huggins, stranding coordinator for the Olympia-based Cascadia Research Collective.

Since February, Huggins has participated in necropsies of malnourished, mostly adult, gray whales on Whidbey Island and the Key Peninsula to Ocean Shores and Long Beach, Washington.

"We're seeing very thin whales with little to no food in their stomachs," Huggins said. "This is kind of leading us to believe that this is an issue of nutritional stress with a few normal-type

strandings mixed in." Huggins said these whales probably didn't get fat enough on their summer

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feeding grounds in Alaskan waters last year.

Responders in rain gear and elbow-high rubber gloves cut into the massive carcasses to examine the animals' fat reserves and internal organs. Multiple whales exhibited dry fibrous blubber. The responders noted ribcages and vertebra sticking out, measured healed scars and took tissue samples for later analysis for contaminants.

Despite the unusual num-

ber of dead whales found, NOAA Fisheries spokesman Michael Milstein said the overall population of gray whales is fine, "probably as big as it's ever been" in modern times.

Eastern Pacific gray whales were taken off the endangered species list in 1994. The population is now estimated at 27,000, which may be around the carrying capacity of their ocean territory.

"They've been coming back strong," Milstein said.

Gray whale and humpback whale casualties from

entanglement in commercial and tribal fishing gear have been a growing concern for federal officials, certain environmental groups and the fishing industry lately. None of dead gray whales found this spring on Oregon and Washington state beaches were entangled in fishing or crabbing lines, however.

Crabbers and fishing boat owners are scheduled to meet with researchers and government representatives when two separate work

groups convene next month along the Oregon and Washington state coasts to hear updates about entanglement risk reduction strategies.

Sometimes it takes a village to examine and pull samples from a decomposing whale. Huggins said she has worked alongside colleagues this winter and spring from Portland State University, Seattle Pacific University, the nonprofit SR3, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and World Vets.

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The U.S. Navy has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to reassess the potential environmental impacts associated with conducting ongoing and future training and testing activities within the Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Study Area beyond 2020.

Public Involvement

The Navy welcomes substantive comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS. Comments may be submitted at the public meetings, online at www.NWTTEIS.com, or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
Attention: NWT Supplemental EIS/OEIS Project Manager
3730 N. Charles Porter Ave., Building 385
Oak Harbor, WA 98278-3500

Comment Period Extended: Comments must be postmarked or received online by June 12, 2019, for consideration in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact Julianna Stanford, Public Affairs Officer, at 360-396-1630 or julianne.stanford@navy.mil.

Open House Public Meetings: 5 to 8 p.m.

Arrive and submit comments anytime during the open house. No presentation or formal oral comment session will be conducted.

Monday, April 29, 2019
Astoria High School Student Commons
1001 W. Marine Drive
Astoria, Ore.

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Newport Performing Arts Center Lobby
777 W. Olive St.
Newport, Ore.

The draft supplement is available online at www.NWTTEIS.com or at the following public libraries in Oregon: Astoria Public Library; Driftwood Public Library; Newport Public Library; Oregon State University, Guin Library; Hatfield Marine Science Center; and Tillamook Main Library. Additional public meetings will be held in Washington, Northern California, and southeastern Alaska.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Queen + Adam Lambert Chronicles Queen and Lambert's incredible journey. (N)		The Fix "Ghost Whisperer" (N)		News (N)		(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Queen + Adam Lambert Chronicles Queen and Lambert's incredible journey. (N)		The Fix "Ghost Whisperer" (N)		KOMO4News (N)		(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice Contestants battle for a recording contract. (N)		The Enemy Within		KING 5 News (N)		(3:5) Tonight Show	
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	The Neighborhood Man Plan (N)	The Code "Back on the Block" (N)	Bull "The Good One" (N)		KOIN6News (N)		(3:5) Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	The Neighborhood Man Plan (N)	The Code "Back on the Block" (N)	Bull "The Good One" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)		(3:5) Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice Contestants battle for a recording contract. (N)		The Enemy Within		News (N)		(3:5) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Legends Tomorrow "Egg MacGuffin" (N)	Arrow "Confessions" (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half		Two and a Half	
9	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature (N)	An Oregon Experience "Tom McCall"	Korea: The Never-End The Korean War, an important turning point in history. (N)		News (N)		Page Six TV	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	The Resident "Broker and Broker" (N)	9-1-1 "Bobby Begins Again" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)		Page Six TV	
11	KPDx	(12) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory Family Guy		American Dad!		The Game	
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Broker and Broker" (N)	9-1-1 "Bobby Begins Again" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)		The Simpsons	
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad! American Dad!		Conan (N)		Seinfeld	
14	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	
15	ESPN2	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball	Oak/Bos. (L)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) UFC UFC		UFC UFC 223 Nurmagomedov and laquinta headline this event. Khabib Nurmagomedov vs. Al laquinta Site: Barclays Center		UFC Main Event		UFC Main Event		Now or Never (N)		UFC Flashback (N)	
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Dude Perfect	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends		(3:5) Friends	
18	DISN	(32) Jessie	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Raven's Home
19	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Ghostbusters II ('89) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.		Shadowhunters "City of Glass" (N)		*** Shrek (2001, Animated) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.		The 700 Club				(4:45) FXM Presents	
20	FMC	(35) (5:45) ** The Secret Life of Pets ('16) Louis C.K.		(3:5) *** Rio ('11, Ani) Voices of Anne Hathaway, George Lopez, Jesse Eisenberg.		Paper Towns (2015, Drama) Cara Delevingne, Halston Sage, Nat Wolff.		(3:5) The Gift (2015, Thriller) Joel Edgerton, Rebecca Hall, Jason Bateman.					
21	LIFE	(36) Kidnapped: The Hannah Anderson Story ('15) Jessica Amlie, Scott Patterson.		Smart Justice: The Jayme Closs Case									
22	ROOT	(38) In the Spotlight	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	NCAA Lacrosse ACC Tournament Women's Championship		DFL Soccer Borussia Mönchengladbach at VfB Stuttgart					
23	F51	(39) PBA Bowling Playoffs		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					
24	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops		Cops	
25	COM	(44) Parks and Rec	(4:45) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		The Daily Show (N)	Jim Jefferies Show
26	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens Investigate the possibility of previous alien visits.		(:05) Ancient Aliens			
27	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD		Live PD "Top 10 K9 Moments"		Live PD "Top 10 Animal Encounters" (N)		Live Rescue Rescue workers putting their lives on the line. (N)		Live PD "Top 10 K9 Moments"			
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress "Cheetah Bride"		To Be Announced		Counting On The next generation of Duggar's celebrate life.		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding			
29	DISC	(48) Outlaws "Bring the Boys Back Home"		Street Outlaws "Run Like Hell"		Street Outlaws: Full "Time" (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Diesel Brothers (N)			
30	NGEO	(49) Wild Mississippi "Raging Waters"		Wild Hawaii "Islands of Fire"		Hostile "Jungles: Fight for Life" (N)		Hostile Planet "Deserts" (N)		Savage Kingdom "Born to Fight" (N)		Hostile Planet "Deserts"	
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Inside the NBA (L)		NBA Basketball Playoffs		Badlands "Requiem for the Fallen" (N)	
32	AMC	(51) (4:15) The Mummy ('99) Brendan Fraser.		** The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure) Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Brendan Fraser.				Badlands "Requiem for the Fallen" (N)					
33	USA	(52) Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob"		Chicago P.D. "A Little Devil Complex"		WWWE Monday Night Raw							
34	FOOD	(53) Spring Baking "Rainy Day Sweets"		Spring Baking "Memorial Day Delights"		Baking "Marvelous Mother Nature" (N)	Spring Baking "Pretty in Pink" (N)	Duff Cake (N)	Duff Cake				
35	HGTV	(54) Love It/List It "Betting the Horse Farm"		Love It or List It "One Last Renovation"		Love It or List It "Elbow Room"	Bargain Mansions Bargain Mansions	One of a Kind (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters		House Hunters	House Hunters
36	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Sicario (2015, Crime Story) Josh Brolin, Benicio del Toro, Emily Blunt.		** White House Down (2013, Action) Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Channing Tatum.						Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.			
37	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
38	NCB	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night Hard news and analysis of the most compelling stories.		Hannity		Fox News @ Night			
39	FNC	(61) American Greed "Billionaire Boys Bust"		Greed "Lesson in Greed/ Soldier Scam"		Greed "A Mother's Costly Revenge"	Greed "The Falcon and the Con Man"	American Greed: Scam		Paid Program		Paid Program	
40	BRV	(63) Vanderpump Rules "End of an Era"		Vanderpump Rules		VanderpumpR "Brittany and the Beast"	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Summer House "Rumors Gone Wild" (N)		Watch What (N)		Vanderpump Rules	
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Screening (N) Private Screenings "Robert Osborne"		20th Anniv Trib		Private Screenings "Best of Private Screenings"		Private Screenings		"Liza Minnelli"		TCM Film Festival	
42	SYFY	(65) (5:00) *** Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr.,		*** Jaws (1975, Horror) Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider.						(5:5) Futurama		Futurama	
43	RFD	(62) American Rancher	Red Steagall (N)	Steve Lantvit	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural News (N)	Rural America "Live" "UNMC"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	