

Marine Mammal Stranding Report - Level A Data

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FIELD #: NAIB1204Ba		NMFS REGIONAL #: NER12-0243		NATIONAL DATABASE #: NE-2012-1139496																															
COMMON NAME: MINKE WHALE			GENUS: Balaenoptera		SPECIES: acutorostrata																														
EXAMINER Name: Jennifer Dittmar			Affiliation: National Aquarium in Baltimore																																
Address: 501 East Pratt St, Pier 3 Baltimore, MD 21202 US				Phone: 410-576-1098																															
Stranding Agreement or Authority:		National Aquarium in Baltimore																																	
LOCATION		OCCURRENCE DETAILS <input type="checkbox"/> Restrand GE#:																																	
Country: United States State: MD County: Worcester City: Berlin Body of Water: Atlantic Ocean Localiv Details: Coastal bay off Atlantic. Stranded on a mudflat at the head of Turville Creek, just off Gum Point Rd/589 - behind the casino Lat: 38.357245 N decimal degrees actual Long: -75.167431 W decimal degrees actual How lat/long determined: GPS		Group Event: <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, Type: <input type="checkbox"/> N Cow/Calf Pair <input type="checkbox"/> N Mass Stranding <input type="checkbox"/> N UME # Animals: 1 actual Findings of Human Interaction: CBD <input type="checkbox"/> N 1. Boat Collision <input type="checkbox"/> N 2. Shot <input type="checkbox"/> N 3. Fishery Interaction <input type="checkbox"/> N 4. Other Human Interaction: How Determined: <input type="checkbox"/> Y 1. External Exam <input type="checkbox"/> N 2. Internal Exam <input type="checkbox"/> N 3. Necropsy <input type="checkbox"/> N 4. Other Gear Collected? <input type="checkbox"/> Gear Disposition: Other Findings upon Level A: N <input type="checkbox"/> N Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Y Injury <input type="checkbox"/> N Pregnant <input type="checkbox"/> N Other Findings Superficial lacerations from stranding. Describe How Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Y External Exam <input type="checkbox"/> N Internal Exam <input type="checkbox"/> N Necropsy <input type="checkbox"/> N Other																																	
INITIAL OBSERVATION			LEVEL A EXAMINATION <input type="checkbox"/> Not Able to Examine																																
Year: 2012 Month: FEB Day 23 First Observed: CONDITION AT INITIAL OBSERVATION: ALIVE			Year: 2012 Month: FEB Day: 23 CONDITION AT EXAMINATION FRESH DEAD																																
INITIAL LIVE ANIMAL DISPOSITION			MORPHOLOGICAL DATA																																
<input type="checkbox"/> N 1. Left at Site <input type="checkbox"/> N 7. Transferred to Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> N 2. Immediate Release at Site <input type="checkbox"/> N 3. Relocated <input type="checkbox"/> N 8. Died During Transport <input type="checkbox"/> N 4. Disentangled <input type="checkbox"/> N 9. Euthanized During Transport <input type="checkbox"/> N 5. Died at Site <input type="checkbox"/> N 10. Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y 6. Euthanized at Site			Sex UNKNOWN Age Class PUP/CALF Whole Carcass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y Partial Carcass <input type="checkbox"/> N Straight length: 350.52 cm actual Weight: 680 kg estimate Photos/Videos taken: Y Disposition: On file @ NAIB. MD-DNR and Smithsonian																																
CONDITION/DETERMINATION																																			
<input type="checkbox"/> N 1. Sick <input type="checkbox"/> N 4. Deemed Releasable 7. Location Hazardous: <input type="checkbox"/> N 2. Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Y a. To animal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y 3. Out of Habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Y 5. Abandoned /Orphaned <input type="checkbox"/> Y b. To public <input type="checkbox"/> N 8. Unknown /CBD <input type="checkbox"/> N 6. Inaccessible <input type="checkbox"/> N 9. Other																																			
Comment: Dependtn neonate calf - mother not seen in area.																																			
TAG DATA			WHOLE CARCASS DISPOSAL (Check One or more)																																
Tags Were: Present at Time of Stranding (pre-existing): N Applied during Stranding Response: N			<input type="checkbox"/> N 1. Left at Site <input type="checkbox"/> N 4. Towed Lat Lon <input type="checkbox"/> N 2. Buried <input type="checkbox"/> N 5. Sunk Lat Lon <input type="checkbox"/> N 3. Rendered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y 6. Frozen for Later Examination <input type="checkbox"/> N 7. Landfill <input type="checkbox"/> N 8. Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y 9. Other: Transported to SI for research/CT																																
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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Additional Identifier:

Smithsonian Accession: USNM 593554

MD-DNR accession: MDDNR-12-BAC-02

Additional Remark:

Animal initially reported and videographed free-swimming in a channel behind 130th street in Ocean City, MD (bayside) on Wednesday, February 22 at 4:30. Animal had left the initial location by 1am on Thursday, February 23. USCG and Natural Resources Police on the lookout for animal most of the day 2/23, but had no luck resighting animal. Initial sighting lat/long: 38.438511 -75.062725.

A member of the public reported a stranded whale in Turville Creek around 5:30 pm on 2/23, which turned out to be the calf. The mother was not documented with the animal either on 2/22 or 2/23. Animal was stranded on a mudflat at the head of the creek. Tide was rising and Aquarium first responders at the scene able to secure a cargo net under animal with incoming tide and used a boat to slowly move animal to a nearby boat ramp for easier handling. Boat ramp lat/long: 38.356227 -75.160832.

Aquarium veterinary staff arrived around 10pm and animal was humanely euthanized due to poor nutritional state and fact that it was a dependent calf. Carcass secured at boat ramp overnight with Aquarium staff at the scene to deter human interaction/scavenging of carcass.

On Friday, February 24, the carcass was removed from the water and transported to the Smithsonian Institute by Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Smithsonian froze the carcass whole and intend to CT scan the whole carcass at a later date. Necropsy details and final disposition pending as of Monday, February 27, but Smithsonian to remain in possession of carcass.

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