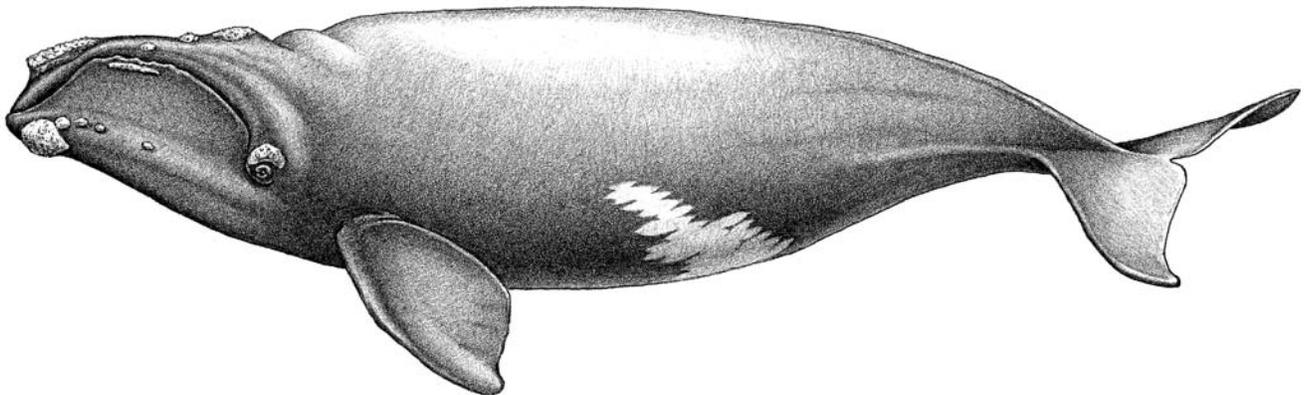


North Atlantic Right Whales Need Your Help!

This endangered species visits our region throughout the year. Please protect right whales by reporting sightings and keeping a safe distance.



You Can Help!

Report sightings of right whales or marine mammals and sea turtles in distress to the Greater Atlantic Region NOAA Fisheries Marine Animal Hotline

866-755-NOAA (6622)

or the US Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16

If You See a Right Whale:

- Report the sighting to NOAA Fisheries or the US Coast Guard.
- Operate vessel at slowest safest speed.
- Remain alert of other whales in the area.
- Depart the area slowly and safely if whale approaches.

Remember:

- It is illegal to approach right whales within 500 yards (1,500 feet).
- The law requires vessels 65 feet and greater in length to slow to 10 knots within seasonal management areas.*
- All vessels should consider slowing to 10 knots within seasonal management areas.
- If you see whales, basking sharks, or birds feeding on patches of plankton, pay close attention; right whales might also be feeding nearby.

Look Out For Right Whales!



White Markings On Head



No Dorsal Fin



V-Shaped Spout



All Black, Smooth Tail



Paddle Shaped Flippers

Download a free right whale reporting and sighting app: www.WhaleAlert.org

View responsible whale watching guidelines for other species: www.SeeASpout.org

*Learn about seasonal management areas and speed restriction regulations: www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/shipstrike



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