

Gray Whale Foundation
Survey Cover Page

Fill out at beginning of trip:

Date (MM/DD/YY): _____ Vessel: _____

Trip Number: _____ Observer Team: _____

Time On: ___ : ___ **Don't forget to start the GPS track!**

Environmental Conditions:

Water Temp: _____ Hi tide: ___ : ___ am/pm Lo tide: ___ : ___ am/pm
Height: _____ Height: _____

| Sea State/Chop Height (Circle one) | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 0 | Chop height 0 – 0.2m (8 in) |
| 1 | Chop height 0.21 – 0.4m (8.4 - 16 in) |
| 2 | Chop height 0.41 – 0.6m (16.4 - 24 in) |
| 3 | Chop height 0.61 – 0.8m (24.4 - 32 in) |
| 4 | Chop height 0.81 – 1.0m (33.4 - 40 in) |
| 5 | Chop height > 1.0m (>40in.) |

| Weather (Circle one) | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | Clear or few clouds |
| 1 | Partly cloudy |
| 2 | Overcast |
| 3 | Rain |
| 4 | Thunderstorm |
| 5 | Fog |

| Glare (Circle one) | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 | None |
| 1 | Little, non-interfering |
| 2 | Some, could interfere |
| 3 | Much, interfering |

| Sightability (Circle one) | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | Excellent |
| 1 | Good, unlikely to miss whales |
| 2 | Fair, may miss some whales |
| 3 | Poor, probably missing whales |

| Beaufort (wind) State (Circle one) | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 0 | Sea smooth and mirror like |
| 1 | Scale like ripples but without foam crests |
| 2 | Small, short wavelets. Crests have a glassy appearance and do not break |
| 3 | Large Wavelets. Some crests break. Occasional white foam crests |
| 4 | Small waves becoming larger. Fairly frequent white foam crests |
| 5 | Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many white foam crests |
| 6 | Large waves begin to form; white foam crests more extensive everywhere |

Complete at end of trip:

Time Off: ___ : ___ Total Time "On Effort" _____

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| Sightings: | Whales: | Calves: |
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Lab use only (initial when step complete):

_____ CoverSheet _____ SightSum _____ PhotoDL _____ PhotoAn
_____ DataEntryCompl _____ DoubleCheck