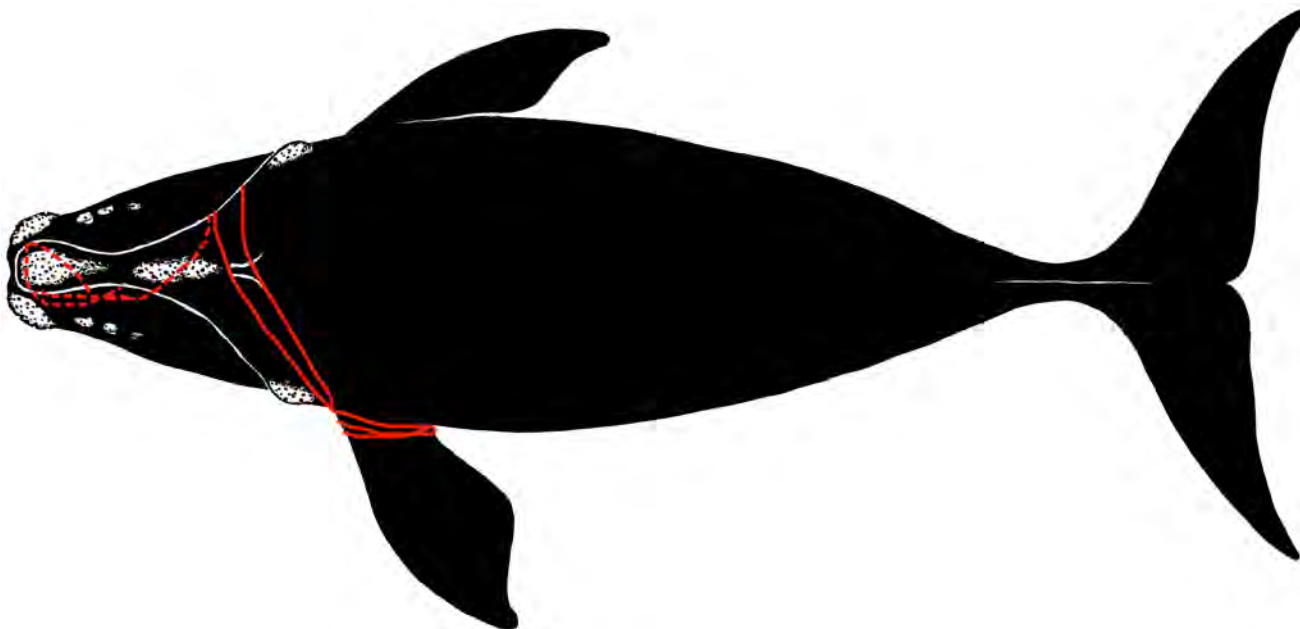


Species	Right Whale	Whale ID	Eg #2301
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Date first observed entangled (date seen prior without gear)		06 Sep 2004 (18 Sep 2003)	
Sex	Female	Birth year	1993
		Age at entanglement	11

Case study ID	PCCS	NMFS	GEAR ID
	WR-2001-21	E20-04	J090604 a-c
Gear sample collected?	Yes	Gear type	Unknown



Reproductive prior to/after entanglement detection?		Yes/No			
Entanglement injury severity		Severe			
Entanglement configuration risk		High			
Wound severity	Mouth	Head/ Rostrum	Flippers	Body	Flukes
	None	High	High	Medium	Medium
Duration of time carrying gear		Minimum 178 days, maximum 531 days			
Disentangled?		No			
Status		Dead 03 Mar 2005			
Number of prior entanglement interactions		3			

Entanglement configuration	Line wrapping over head from right mouthline to left flipper wraps; line essentially cleated from baleen on right to flipper on left.
Anchoring point(s)	Mouthline, flipper
Gear configuration confidence	Moderate
Remaining questions	The extent of wrapping at left flipper unknown; bitter ends cannot be accounted for and unclear if any line was trailing.
Comments	Extensive weaving of line through baleen was documented at necropsy.

Polymer type		PP	PP/PET	PP/PET
Gear component				
Rope diameter (inches)		3/8 (0.394)	1/2 (0.472)	7/16 (0.425)
Breaking strength (lbs)	Tested	486	900	700
	New	2 430	4 500	3 500

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FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF ROPES WHALE ENTANGLEMENT PROJECT

SPECIMEN ID NO.

J051099

NMFS NO.

E4-99

Gear Description:

Note on gear indicated use with gill net operation. As seen in photo, the separate segment on the left has been unlaidd and one end indicates a tensile break.

The gear consisted of a large length of the 3-strand polypropylene rope described below and a segment of $\frac{5}{8}$ inch combo rope too short to analyze.



Gear set possibly associated with gill netting.

Rope description:

J051099-b: Short segment of $\frac{5}{8}$ inch combo rope

Tested (T) or adjusted (A) strength	Typical new strength	Rope condition
5,440 lbs (A)	6,800 lbs	Good

Rope description:

J051099-a: 1/2 inch 3-Strand, yellow PP monofilament with one blue rope yarn in one strand.

There are 7 rope yarns per strand including marker. Little wear, some broken filaments along length. Some of the line was in better condition as seen in the lower photo.

Tested (T) or adjusted (A) strength	Typical new strength	Rope condition
2,757 lbs (T)	3,780 lbs	Fair

