

The purpose of this list serve notice is to assist the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) broadcast an advisory concerning populations of endangered whales off the coast of Central/Northern California. NOAA has requested and the California Air Resources Board has agreed to provide outreach through the Maritime List Serve to help broadcast the NOAA advisory to mariners.

**CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-WHALES-POINT PIEDRAS
BLANCAS TO BODEGA BAY**

NOAA recommends that vessels transiting between Point Piedras Blancas and Bodega Bay during the months of May through November exercise caution and reduce speed when traveling around the following: the 100 fathom isobath, Cordell Bank, Farallon Islands, inbound and outbound of San Francisco Bay. These areas contain populations of endangered Blue, Humpback and Fin whales. Collisions with these animals resulting in their injury or death may be a violation of Federal Laws 16 U.S.C 1538 et. seq. and 16 U.S.C 1431 et seq.

NOAA strongly recommends that vessels 300 gross registered tons or larger transiting the Traffic Separation Scheme at the entrance to San Francisco Bay do so at speeds not in excess of 10 knots.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/protect/shipstrike/welcome.html>

Please report any collisions with whales or any observed injured or dead whales, including the time and position, to NOAA at 877-SOS-WHAlE (877-767-9425) or to the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16.