

Whale Tales:

A Thirty-year Perspective on Humpback Whales in Alaska Waters



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Websites

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Research-Alaska Whale Foundation: <http://www.alaskawhalefoundation.org/Research>

Humpback Whales of Southeastern Alaska: <http://www.alaskahumpbacks.org>

Alaska Department of Fish and Game: Humpback Whale:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/education/wms/humpback_whale.pdf

Whale Trust: <http://www.whaletrust.org/index.shtml>

Humpback Whales Feeding in Alaska:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/gallery/2010/jan/05/humpback-whales-feeding-alaska>

Animal Diversity Web: Megaptera novaeangliae: humpback whale

http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/accounts/information/Megaptera_novaeangliae.html

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This guide is intended to suggest further reading which may be useful as a starting point.