

HDR North Atlantic Right Whale: Virginia - Aerial Surveys 2021-2024

**Type** Enterprise Geodatabase Feature Class

**Tags** RWSC, HDR, NARW, Aerial Surveys, Marine Mammals, whales, Navy

Summary

This layer represents transects from HDR’s aerial surveys conducted from 2021-2024 in the coastal Virginia area. These lines show only the planned routes for the aerial surveys and are displayed for planning and research coordination purposes.

Description

This layer represents transects from HDR’s aerial surveys conducted from 2021-2024 in the coastal Virginia area. Since 2010, HDR has assisted the Navy with its dual responsibilities of military readiness and environmental stewardship as prime contractor on the Marine Species Monitoring program with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic. As the “migratory corridor” along the U.S. Mid-Atlantic is historically understudied and poorly understood, aerial surveys off the coast of Virginia were added to the Marine Species Monitoring program to assist in the vessel-based NARW survey work being done in that area.

The HDR surveys run from December through May and are used in support of the tagging boat trips to locate baleen whales in the area. The surveys do not follow a strict line-transect methodology so the start/end point will vary. They typically fly between 0-45 nm from shore for most mid-shelf work but can extend out to 70 nm on some trips.

For more information visit the project site: <https://coastalstudies.org/our-work/right-whale-research/population-monitoring/> ; and the RWSC database project page: <https://database.rwsc.org/details?recordId=rec8uYmbwmSLZaQOb>

These shapefiles display just the planned routes, to view the realized routes from all completed surveys visit: <https://whalemap.org/#map>

Credits

Jessica Aschettino - HDR, <a href=mailto:jessica.aschettino@hdrinc.com target="\_blank">jessica.aschettino@hdrinc.com</a>

Use limitations

These data will be used by RWSC and its expert Subcommittees, partners, and other participants to implement the [Science Plan](#), including to understand the extent of ongoing and planned data collection activities, and to coordinate and plan future data collection and research activities with respect to offshore wind. The data will be displayed via online mapping platforms.

Extent

West -75.966600 East -74.430000  
North 37.185800 South 36.551900

Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in) 1:5,000  
Minimum (zoomed out) 1:150,000,000

Topics and Keywords ▶

Themes or categories of the resource Biota, Oceans

Content type ⇌ Downloadable Data

Export to FGDC CSDGM XML format as Resource Description No

Citation ▶

Title HDR North Atlantic Right Whale: Virginia - Aerial Surveys 2021-2024

Publication date 2024-07-12 00:00:00

Presentation formats ⇌ digital map

Citation Contacts ▶

Responsible party - point of contact

Individual's name Jessica Aschettino

Organization's name HDR

Contact information ▶

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Type postal

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Responsible party - originator

Individual's name Debbie Brill

Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind

Contact's position Marine Mammals Subcommittee Lead

Contact information ▶

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Voice NA  
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e-mail address [Deborah.brill@duke.edu](mailto:Deborah.brill@duke.edu)

## Resource Details ►

Dataset languages ⇌ English (UNITED STATES)  
Dataset character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Status on-going  
Spatial representation type ⇌ vector

Processing environment ⇌ Microsoft Windows 10 Version 10.0 (Build 22631) ; Esri ArcGIS 13.2.2.49743

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## ArcGIS item properties

Name ⇌ rpt.rpt.HDR\_NARW\_VA\_AerialSurveys  
Size ⇌ 0.000  
Location ⇌ Server=rwsc-db-pg15.env.duke.edu; Service=sde:postgresql:rwsc-db-pg15.env.duke.edu; Database=rpt; User=rpt; Version=sde.DEFAULT  
Access protocol ⇌ ArcSDE Connection

## Extents ►

Extent  
Description  
Aerial Surveys conducted from 2021 - 2024

Geographic extent  
Bounding rectangle  
Extent type  
Extent used for searching  
West longitude -75.966600  
East longitude -74.430000  
North latitude 37.185800  
South latitude 36.551900  
Extent contains the resource Yes

Temporal extent  
Beginning date 2021-01-01 00:00:00  
Ending date 2024-12-31 00:00:00

Extent in the item's coordinate system  
westBL ⇌ -75.966600  
eastBL ⇌ -74.430000  
southBL ⇌ 36.551900  
northBL ⇌ 37.185800  
exTypeCode ⇌ Yes

## Resource Points of Contact ►

Point of contact - point of contact  
Individual's name Jessica Aschettino  
Organization's name HDR

Contact information ►  
Phone  
Voice NA  
Address  
Type postal  
City NA  
Administrative area NA  
Postal code NA  
e-mail address [jessica.aschettino@hdrinc.com](mailto:jessica.aschettino@hdrinc.com)

## Resource Maintenance ►

Resource maintenance  
Update frequency as needed

## Resource Constraints ►

Constraints  
Limitations of use  
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Spatial Reference ►

ArcGIS coordinate system	
Type	↔ Geographic
Geographic coordinate reference	↔ GCS_WGS_1984
Coordinate reference details ↔	
GeographicCoordinateSystem	
WKID	4326
XOrigin	-400
YOrigin	-400
XYScale	1111948722.2222219
ZOrigin	0
ZScale	1
MOrigin	0
MScale	1
XYTolerance	8.983152841195215e-09
ZTolerance	0.001
MTolerance	0.001
HighPrecision	true
LeftLongitude	-180
LatestWKID	4326
WKT	
GEOGCS["GCS_WGS_1984",DATUM["D_WGS_1984",SPHEROID["WGS_1984",6378137.0,298.257223563]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0.0],UNIT["Degree",0.0174532925199433],AUTHORIT	
Reference system identifier	
Value	↔ 4326
Codespace	↔ EPSG
Version	↔ 6.2(3.0.1)

Spatial Data Properties ►

Vector ►	
Level of topology for this dataset	↔ geometry only
Geometric objects	
Feature class name	rpt.rpt.HDR_NARW_VA_AerialSurveys
Object type	↔ composite
Object count	↔ 0

ArcGIS Feature Class Properties ►	
Feature class name	rpt.rpt.HDR_NARW_VA_AerialSurveys
Feature type	↔ Simple
Geometry type	↔ Polyline
Has topology	↔ FALSE
Feature count	↔ 0
Spatial index	↔ TRUE
Linear referencing	↔ FALSE

Data Quality ►

Data quality report - Conceptual consistency ►	
Data quality measure reference	
Measure description	Polyline shapefiles depicting aerial survey transect positions
Data quality report - Completeness omission ►	
Data quality measure reference	
Measure description	This dataset reflects ongoing aerial survey paths, and is complete as of 7/12/24. May be updated as needed.

Lineage ►

Lineage statement	
Received shapefiles directly from contacts	
Process step ►	
When the process occurred	2024-07-10 00:00:00
Description	
1. Data imported into GIS	
Process contact - originator	
Individual's name	Debbie Brill
Organization's name	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind
Contact's position	Marine Mammals Subcommittee Lead
Contact information ►	
Phone	
Voice	NA
Address	
Type	postal
Delivery point	NA

City NA  
Administrative area NA  
Postal code NA  
e-mail address [Deborah.brill@duke.edu](mailto:Deborah.brill@duke.edu)

Process step ▶

When the process occurred 2024-07-10 00:00:00  
Description  
2. The two survey routes combined into single layer for the individual entity

Process contact - originator

Individual's name Debbie Brill  
Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind  
Contact's position Marine Mammals Subcommittee Lead

Contact information ▶

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Voice NA  
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Source data ▶

Description  
Received shapefiles directly from contacts

Distribution ▶

Distribution format  
Name ⇔ Enterprise Geodatabase Feature Class

Transfer options

Transfer size ⇔ 0.000

Fields ▶

Details for object rpt.rpt.HDR\_NARW\_VA\_AerialSurveys ▶

Type ⇔ Feature Class  
Row count ⇔ 0  
Definition  
Attribute table prepared by RWSC

Definition source  
RWSC

Field OBJECTID ▶

Alias ⇔ OBJECTID  
Data type ⇔ OID  
Width ⇔ 4  
Precision ⇔ 10  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description ⇔  
Internal feature number.

Description source ⇔  
Esri

Description of values ⇔  
Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Field Shape ▶

Alias ⇔ shape  
Data type ⇔ Geometry  
Width ⇔ 8  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description ⇔  
Feature geometry.

Description source ⇔  
Esri

Description of values ⇔  
Coordinates defining the features.

Field OPERATOR ►

Alias ⇔ OPERATOR  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
The primary affiliation for the operator of the device

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique name affiliation.

Field POC\_EMAIL ►

Alias ⇔ POC\_EMAIL  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Email for the primary point of contact

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique email addresses.

Field PROJECT\_NAME ►

Alias ⇔ PROJECT\_NAME  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
Name of the project

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique project name.

Field PATH\_NAME ►

Alias ⇔ PATH\_NAME  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
The route ID.

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique path identification.

Field START\_YEAR ►

Alias ⇔ START\_YEAR  
Data type ⇔ Integer  
Width ⇔ 4  
Precision ⇔ 10  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description  
The start year in the YYYY format for the start of usable data for that path (i.e. the surveys are conducted in structured survey form).

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Year in YYYY format.

Field END\_YEAR ►

Alias ⇔ END\_YEAR  
Data type ⇔ Integer  
Width ⇔ 4  
Precision ⇔ 10  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

The end year in the YYYY format for the end of usable data for that path (i.e. the surveys are conducted in structured survey form). (\*Default set to 2050 if no available end year)

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Year in YYYY format.

Field START\_DATE ►

Alias ⇔ START\_DATE  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

The start date in the D-Month format for the start of the typical survey season. (\*NOT an actual date field, keeping it as text so that it doesn't add a default year)

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Text start date for season.

Field END\_DATE ►

Alias ⇔ END\_DATE  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

The end date in the D-Month format for the end of the typical survey season. (\*NOT an actual date field, keeping it as text so that it doesn't add a default year)

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Text end date for season.

Field FREQUENCY ►

Alias ⇔ FREQUENCY  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

Proposed/approximate frequency of surveys throughout the survey season

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique frequency measure.

Field PROJECT\_LINK ►

Alias ⇔ PROJECT\_LINK  
Data type ⇔ String  
Width ⇔ 254  
Precision ⇔ 0  
Scale ⇔ 0

Field description

Link to the project entry in the RWSC database if applicable

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Unique link address.

Field DATE\_SUBMITTED ▶

Alias ↔ DATE\_SUBMITTED  
Data type ↔ Date  
Width ↔ 8  
Precision ↔ 0  
Scale ↔ 0

Field description  
The date the shapefiles were sent to the RWSC

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Date field.

Field DATE\_ADDED ▶

Alias ↔ DATE\_ADDED  
Data type ↔ Date  
Width ↔ 8  
Precision ↔ 0  
Scale ↔ 0

Field description  
The date the entries were added to map

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
Date field.

Field LABEL ▶

Alias ↔ LABEL  
Data type ↔ String  
Width ↔ 254  
Precision ↔ 0  
Scale ↔ 0

Field description  
The proposed layer name to appear in the table of contents

Description source  
RWSC

Description of values  
The proposed layer name to appear in the table of contents

Metadata Details ▶

Metadata language ↔ English (UNITED STATES)  
Metadata character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Scope of the data described by the metadata ↔ dataset  
Scope name ↔ dataset

Last update ↔ 2024-09-24

ArcGIS metadata properties

Metadata format ArcGIS 1.0  
Standard or profile used to edit metadata FGDC

Created in ArcGIS for the item 2024-01-24 12:31:40  
Last modified in ArcGIS for the item 2024-09-24 16:10:11

Automatic updates

Have been performed Yes  
Last update 2024-07-12 15:42:42

Item location history

Item copied or moved 2024-01-24 12:31:40  
From C:\Users\jozog\OneDrive - HDR, Inc\GIS\HDR\_NARW\_Aerial\_Tracklines  
To \\DZ7YXT3\C\$\Users\jozog\OneDrive - HDR, Inc\GIS\Aerial\_for\_Jackie\HDR\_NARW\_Aerial\_Tracklines

Metadata Contacts ▶

Metadata contact - originator  
Individual's name Debbie Brill  
Organization's name Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind  
Contact's position Marine Mammals Subcommittee Lead

Contact information ▶  
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## Metadata Maintenance ►

### Maintenance

Update frequency as needed