

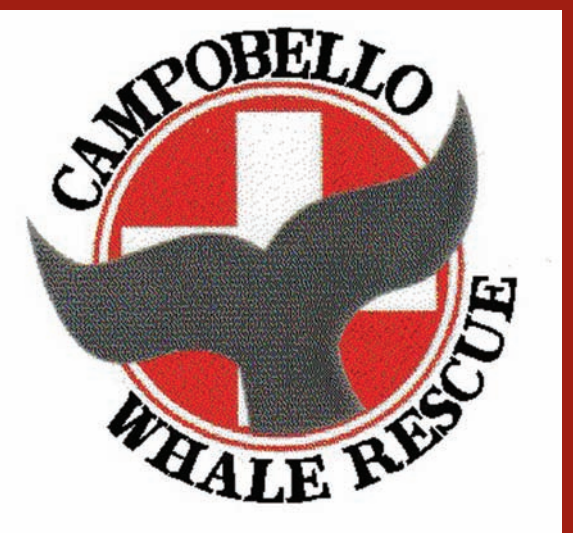


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Who You Gonna Call?

Campobello Whale Rescue Team

1-866-567-6277



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"Fishermen helping fishermen"

The Goals

- Engage the fishing industry in the stewardship program, encourage them to report whales in distress, and help the public appreciate how the fishing industry is working to reduce the adverse effects of entanglement of whales.
- Provide a means for all mariners to report entangled and entrapped whales.
- Provide a timely response to assess, document and, if possible, release the whale from the fishing gear.

The Issue

- Right, humpback, fin, and minke whales are known to become entangled in fishing gear in Canadian and U.S. waters.
- Entanglements can range from minor to severe and sometimes



- lethal for the whale.
- Right, humpbacks, fin and minke whales are known to become entrapped in fishing weirs in the Bay of Fundy.

- Entrapments are not usually harmful to the whales if they can be released.
- These events are incidental with fishing fixed gear.



- Right whale recovery is hampered, in part, by serious injury and mortality from entanglements.

The Process

- Calls to the toll free number are received 24/7 by the Marine Animal Response Society and relayed to the Campobello Whale Rescue Team.



- Depending on the time of day and weather conditions, the Campobello Whale Rescue Team (CWRT) will respond immediately.
- It is critical that the reporting vessel stand by the entangled whale.

- Once the CWRT arrives on scene, the entanglement will be assessed, documented with photos/video, and they will attempt to disentangle the whale if it is feasible and safe.



Mariners are asked to call 1-866-567-6277 or advise the Canadian Coast Guard on 2182 kHz or VHF 16, or Fundy Traffic VHF 14 if they see a whale in distress.

The Campobello Whale Rescue

Team is a volunteer organization of fishermen who have first hand knowledge of the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of Maine as well as the commercial fishing gear and how it is used.



- Team members are trained and equipped to disentangle large whales from fishing gear and work with their owners to release entrapped whales.
- The team is permitted to disentangle whales in the Maritimes and provide assistance to the National Marine Fisheries Service for disentanglement events in the northeast USA.
- The team has provided basic whale rescue training to fishery officers based in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.



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