

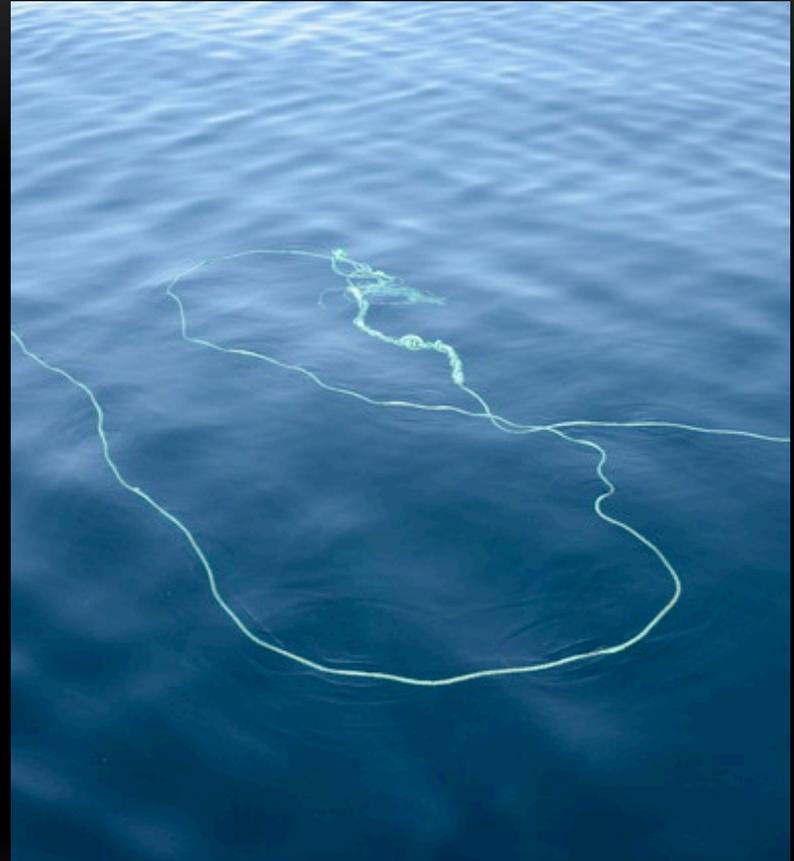
# LARGE WHALES IN DISTRESS

WET, the North Pacific Large Whale Disentangling Network,  
and Monterey Bay NMS's Participation

# A DIVERSE & ABUNDANT MARINE ENVIRONMENT



WITH A LOT OF CRAP AND DEBRIS IN IT



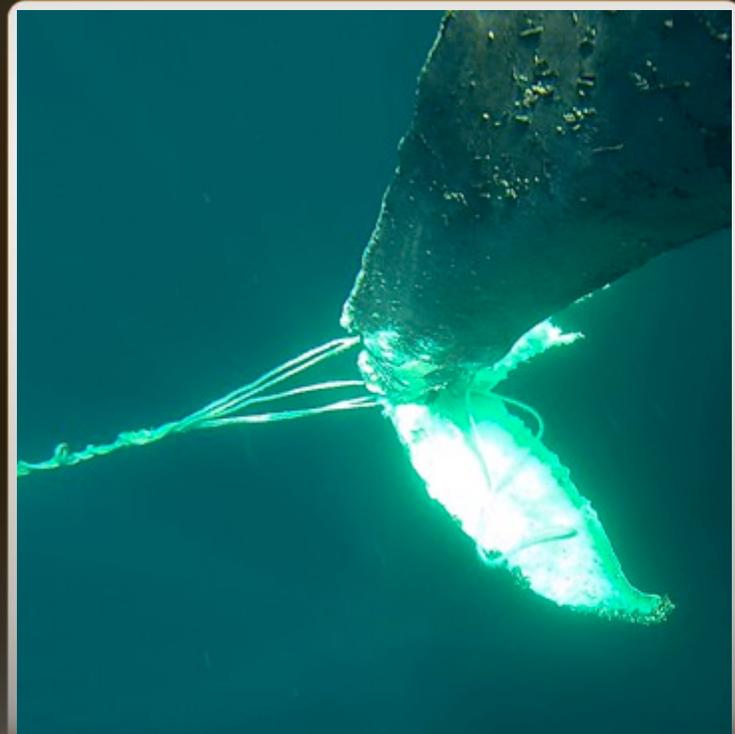
## A Changing Trend

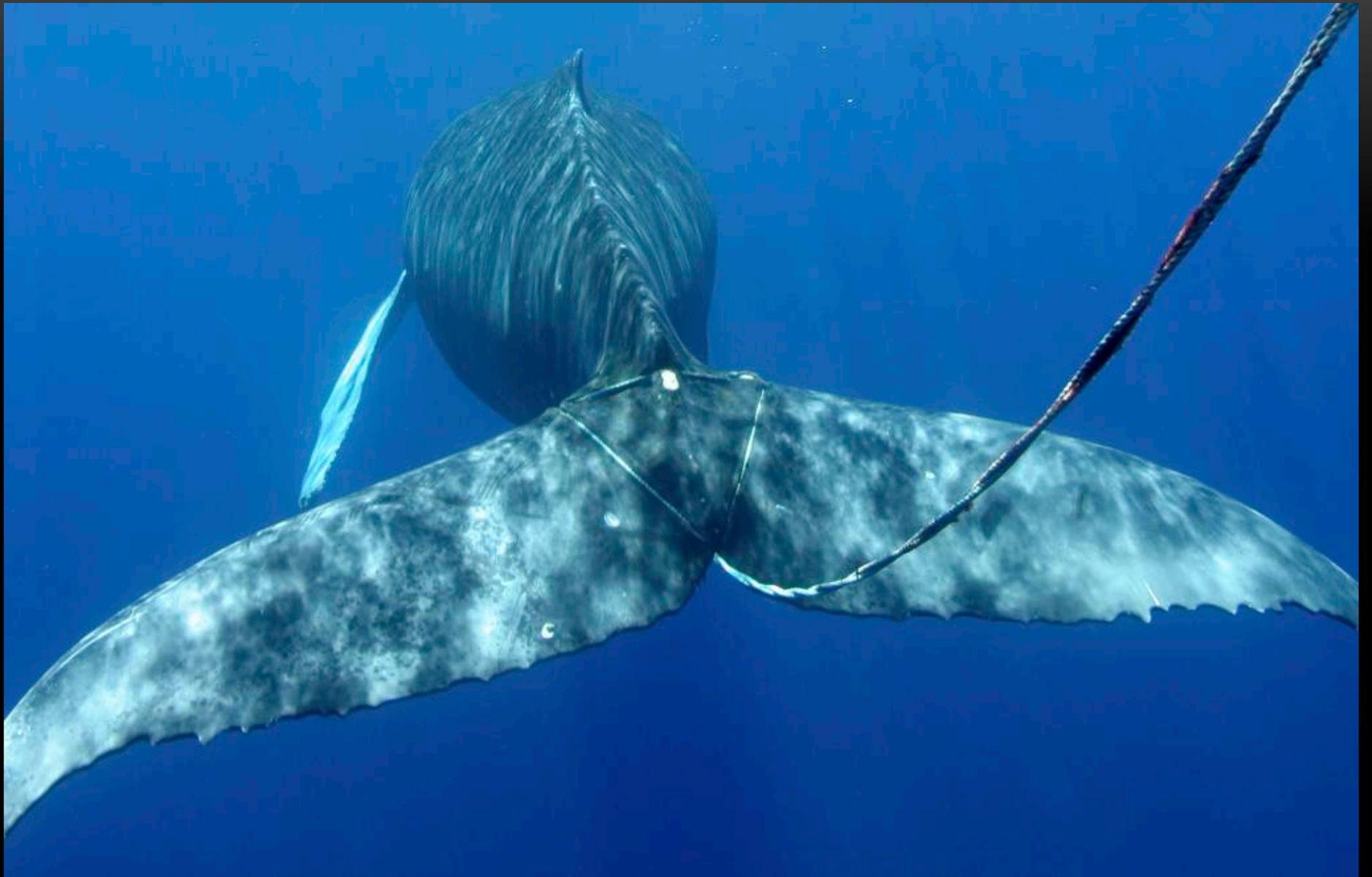
### 2000 – 2012 West Coast only

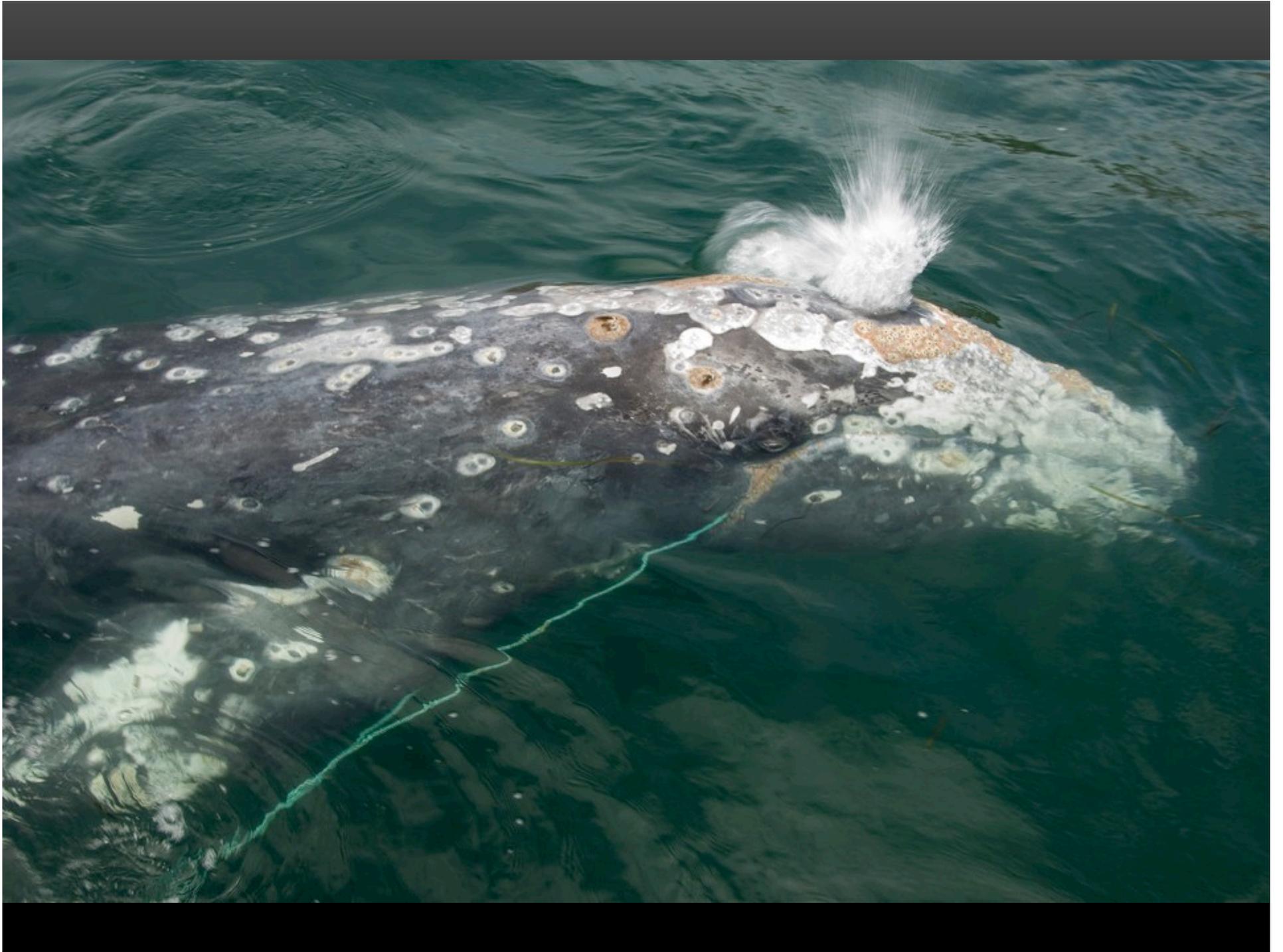
- 237 reports averaging 11 per year
- average of 8 reports per year
- 60% of CA reports from Northern CA

### 2014

- 30 confirmed reports
- 6 successful disentanglements
- 3 known self-releases
- 21 not re-sighted









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## Activities Conducted Under Permitted Authority

Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program permit #932-1905

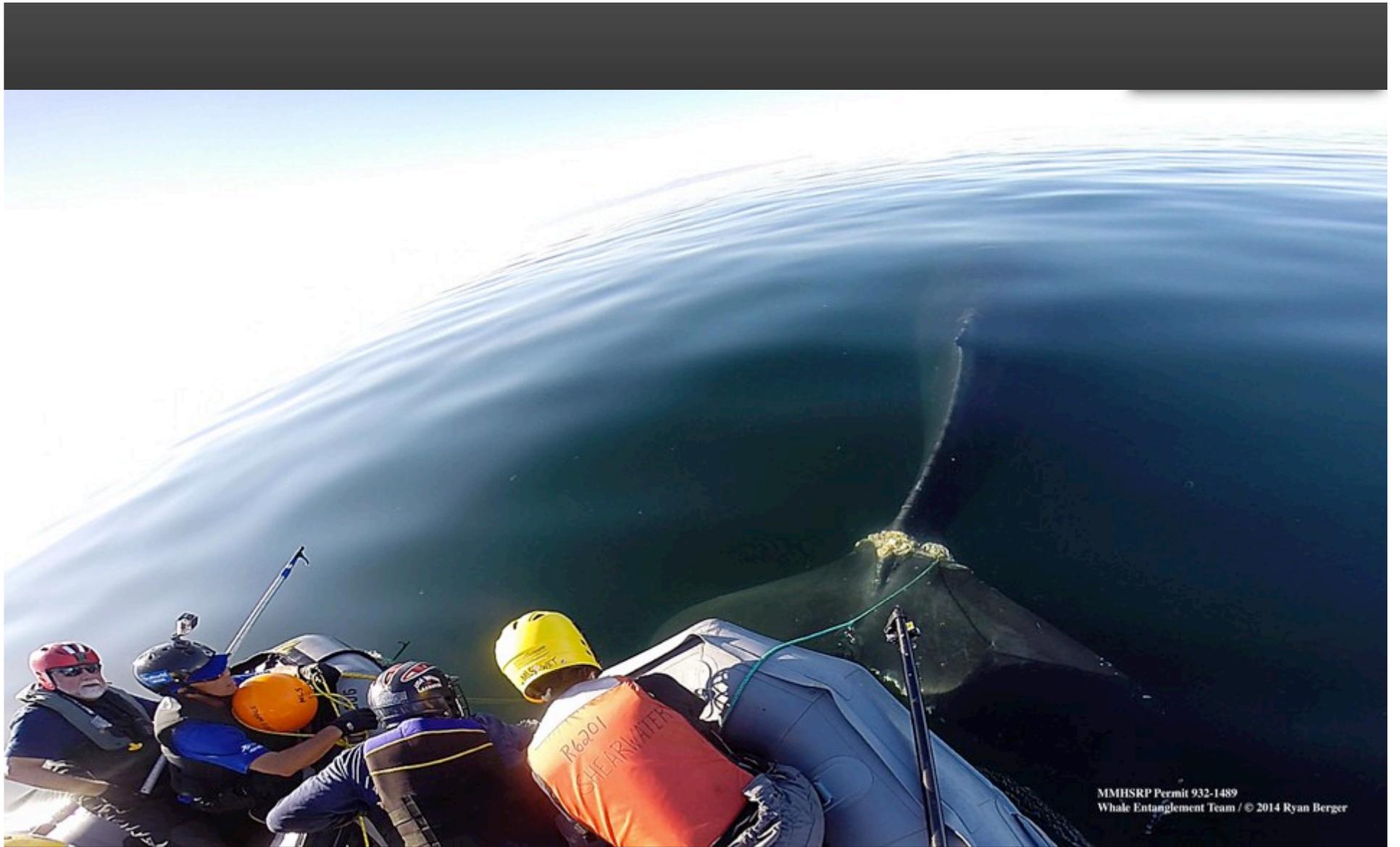
Marine Mammal Protection Act

Endangered Species Act

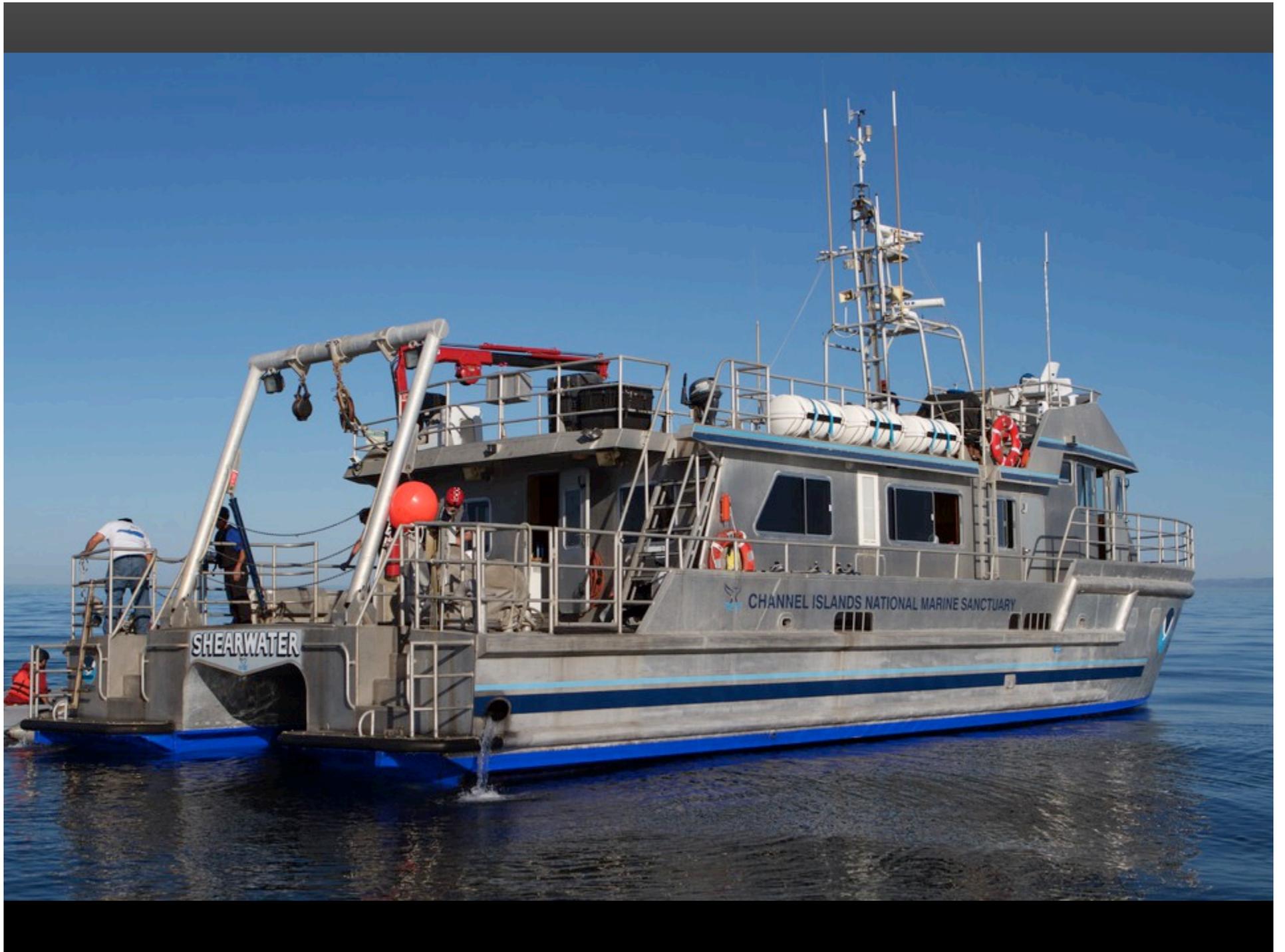


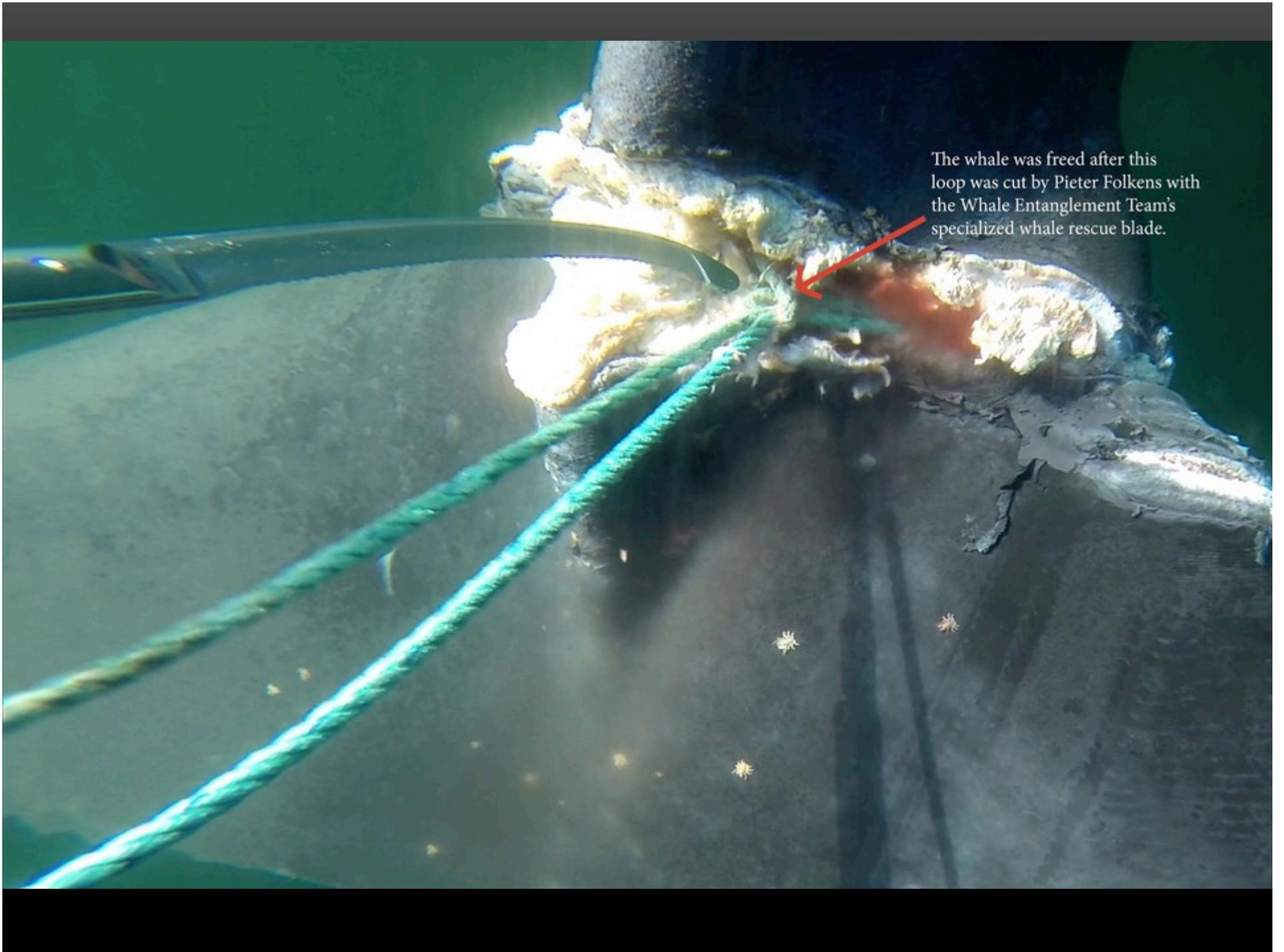
# INTERAGENCY COOPERATION



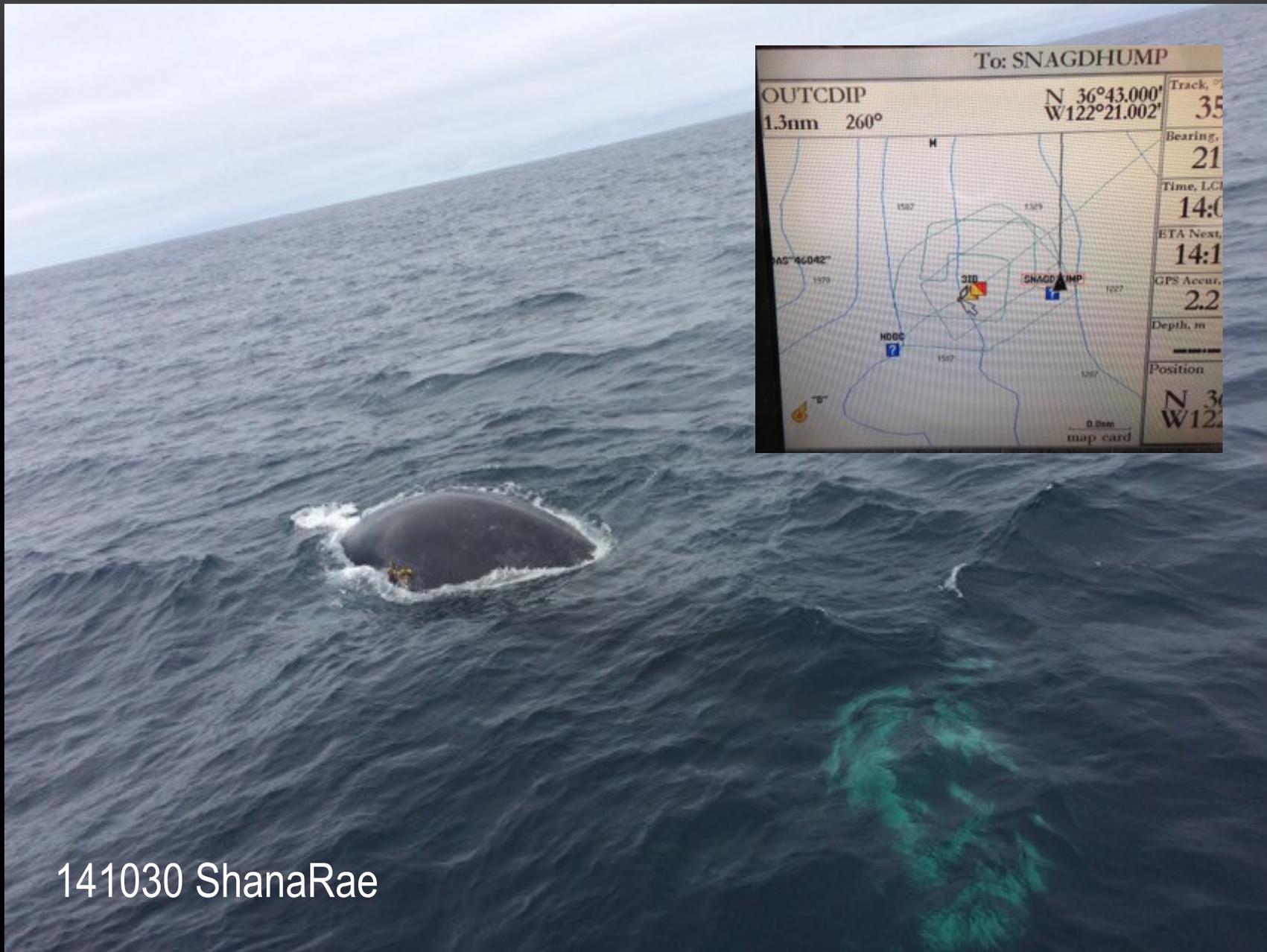


MMHSRP Permit 932-1489  
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The whale was freed after this loop was cut by Pieter Folkens with the Whale Entanglement Team's specialized whale rescue blade.



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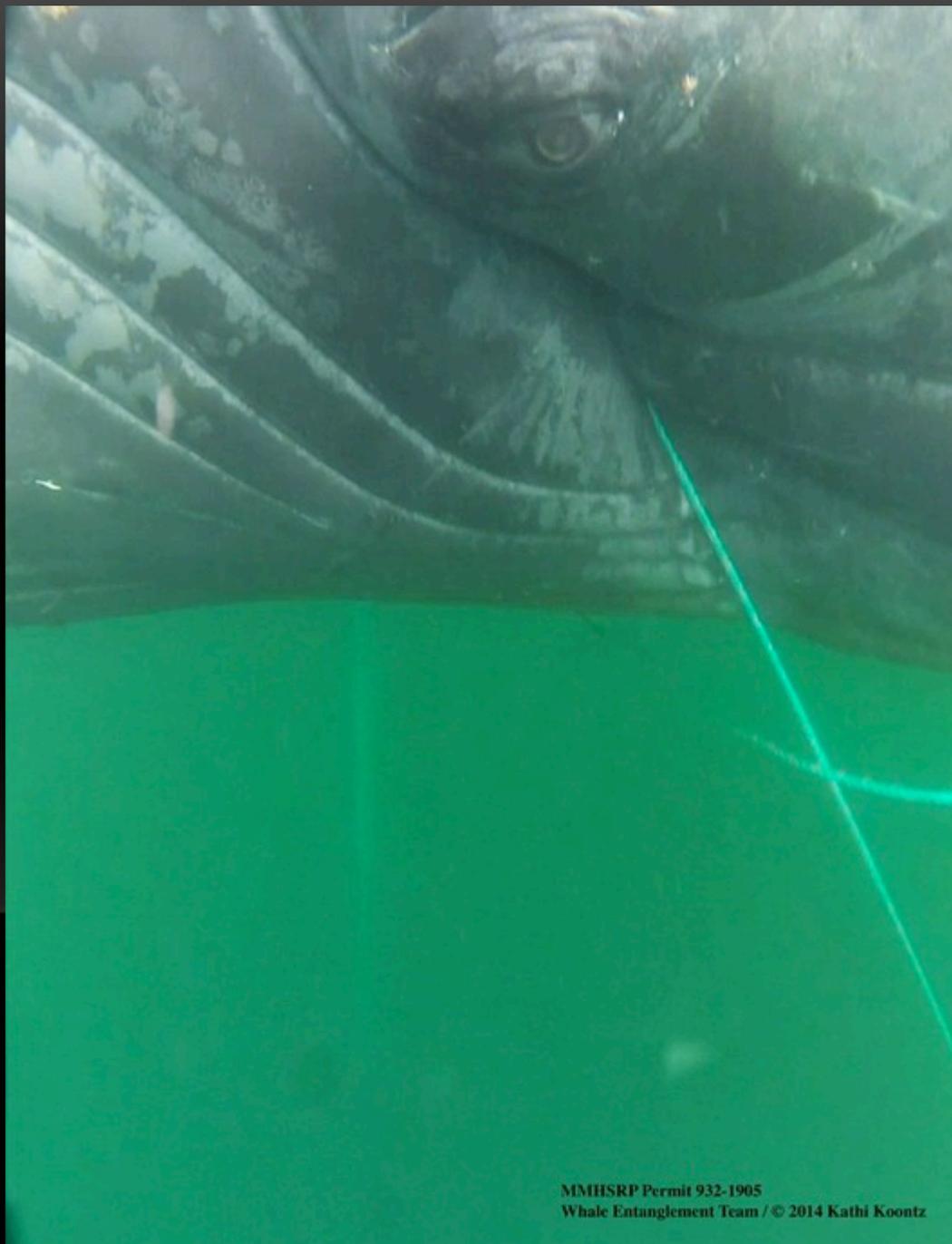
## Unique and Valuable Response

The results of well-documented entangled whale events contributes to informed policy decisions regarding the use of Sanctuary waters . . .

. . . in addition to reducing suffering and saving lives of endangered animals.



# Looking Ahead



***WHY?***



**Saving lives and reducing suffering.**