

CONTRACT REPORT

**2002 AERIAL SURVEYS FOR HARBOR PORPOISE AND OTHER MARINE
MAMMALS OFF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

From 6 August to 12 September 2002, Cascadia Research conducted aerial surveys for harbor porpoise, *Phocoena phocoena* and other marine mammals under contract from the National Marine Mammal Laboratory. The surveys were flown over the coastal waters of Oregon, Washington, and southern British Columbia and the inland waters of Washington (except Puget Sound) and Southern British Columbia as part of a multi-year abundance estimate effort. This report summarizes the effort undertaken and sighting results of this first year.

The survey area was divided into 11 strata (A-K) with each containing several modified sawtooth line-transect routes. Most (5) of the coastal strata were further divided into inshore and offshore components with the offshore tracklines fewer in number. A high wing twin engine aircraft fitted with side bubble windows and a belly window was used with three experienced observers and a dedicated data recorder. A Data Acquisition System (DAS) interfaced with a GPS was used to streamline the data recording/entry process. Flights were conducted primarily on days with 'good' conditions (Beaufort sea state of 0-2, and cloud cover 50% or less). Sections flown in conditions worse than this were re-flown if possible..

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- 1) Conduct line-transect aerial surveys off Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia to obtain data to estimate abundance of harbor porpoise
- 2) Obtain data on other species of marine mammals in these areas
- 3) Conduct aerial surveys in the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and the San Juan Islands concurrently with small boat transects in the same area.

A total of 111 hours were flown (not including ferry of the aircraft from Oxnard, California). Of these 42.6 hours were flown on-effort covering 4,010 nmi. A total of 86% of this (36.5 h and 3,434 nmi) were conducted in 'good' weather conditions. Surveys coverage was fairly complete in most of the 11 regions except northern Washington. Off northern Washington, permit conditions to avoid impacts on eagles and cormorants prevented flights early in the survey period and poor weather prevented most flights later in the survey period.

A total of 1,696 sightings of 4,765 animals were made both on and off effort. These represented 5 baleen whale species, 4 delphinid species, 2 porpoise species, 5 pinniped species, and 2 otters. Sightings of harbor porpoise (607 sightings of 935 animals) and harbor seals (806 sightings of 2,823 animals) together accounted for 83% of the sightings. Harbor porpoise were seen in all regions (536 sightings of 836 animals on-effort in 'good' weather). High concentrations of harbor porpoise were seen in the central Strait of Juan de Fuca (in conjunction with vessel surveys) and also in the northern San Juan Islands. Relatively low numbers of sightings were made in central and northern Strait of Georgia.

INTRODUCTION

From 6 August to 12 September 2002, Cascadia Research conducted aerial surveys for harbor porpoise and other marine mammals under contract from the National Marine Mammal Laboratory. These surveys represent a continuation of surveys that have been conducted at 5-6 year intervals starting in the late 1980s (Calambokidis et al. 1992, 1993, 1997, Osmeck et al. 1996, Laake et al. 1997a, 1997b, 1998). The surveys were flown over the coastal waters of Oregon, Washington, and southern British Columbia and the inland waters of Washington (except Puget Sound) and Southern British Columbia as part of a multi-year abundance estimate effort. This report summarizes the effort undertaken and sighting results of this first year (2002).

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We report the methods and preliminary results of August/September 2002 aerial surveys for marine mammals that occupy the waters of Oregon, Washington and southern British Columbia. These data will now be used to estimate abundance of harbor porpoise and other species using line transect procedures (Buckland et al. 2001).

METHODS

Study Area

The Study area includes the coastal waters of Oregon, Washington, and Southern British Columbia south of 49 degrees N latitude, from shore out to a depth of 200m and the inside waters of Washington (not Puget Sound) and Southern British Columbia (Figure 1). This is the same area as flown in previous years however, this is the first year that both inside and outside waters were flown together.

Survey Design and Procedures

Surveys were flown following a modified saw-tooth transect line design (Cooke 1985) and were intended to provide uniform coverage of each Strata or region (Figure 1). Unlike traditional saw-tooth transect lines, the lines we flew did not stop and start at the same point but were spaced slightly apart thereby requiring a short deadhead transit between lines. This survey design enables analysis of the data using four separate replicates instead of just 2 if each set of lines were connected

Flights generally originated and ended at Olympia International Airport, Washington unless weather conditions or transit duration made it impractical. The flying direction of any given region varied from one survey to another depending on which direction would provide the best combination of visibility conditions for a particular time of day (*e.g.* to reduce sun glare).

Surveys were conducted using a high-wing (*Partenavia P-68*) twin-engine aircraft equipped with left- and right-side bubble windows and a belly window. This arrangement made it possible to observe marine mammals slightly ahead of, to the side, and beneath the aircraft. Three experienced harbor porpoise observers, located at left, center and right positions in the aircraft viewed the water for marine mammals while the aircraft flew at an altitude of m (650 ft) and a speed of approximately 167 km/hr (90 kts). Observers rotated to a new position at the beginning of each flight. Surveys were generally limited to visibility conditions of a Beaufort sea state three or less and cloud cover $\leq 50\%$. When a transect line was aborted prematurely because of poor visibility conditions or because of airspace conflicts, these lines were flown again when the situation improved.

The data recorder, who also navigated from the copilot's chair, entered survey information using a custom Data Acquisition System (DAS) on a laptop computer that was interfaced with a GPS navigational system. Visibility conditions, and altitude were recorded at the beginning of a transect line and when conditions changed. The date, time, and location was updated automatically by the computer each minute and when other data entries were made. When a marine mammal sighting was made, side observers used a clinometer to measure angle from the aircraft to the group of animals as they passed abeam of the aircraft so the perpendicular distance (distance from the survey trackline) could be determined. The center observer called out sighting angles from a clinometer-calibrated scale mounted at the bottom of the belly window. The species, group size, number of calves, and behavior were recorded along with the observer who made the sighting.

When a group was sighted from the center, the observer would delay for 2-3 seconds waiting for the side observers to register their sighting information with the recorder if they had any. This method of recording was used to avoid confusion when typically both observers would report the same sighting in unison. The center observer also told the recorder if they saw a sighting made by the side observer to provide information on the number of missed center sightings within the overlapping search area of 90-65 degrees.

Coordinated Vessel Surveys

On three days (August 12, 20, and 22) aerial survey effort was flown in conjunction with shipboard surveys conducted by the National Marine Mammal Laboratory. These coordinated surveys took place in the eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca and the San Juan Islands. These proved good sighting conditions with large numbers of harbor porpoise seen.

Data Editing and Preliminary Analysis

Error checks of the electronic data were conducted prior to analysis, both visually and using computer programs written to test for reasonable speed between one-minute position fixes, altitudes, clinometer angles, and species codes (Appendix Table 1). On several occasions it was found that the GPS failed to provide reliable positions for small portions of a flight (e.g., position format error). In these instances, latitude and longitude were interpolated using the time and position which preceded and followed it. Species codes included a designation for probable, but not certain, as well as codes for unidentified species. Probable sightings were included in the data summaries for that species.

RESULTS

Survey effort

A total of 111 hours were flown (not including ferry of the aircraft from Oxnard, California). Of these 42.6 hours were flown on-effort covering 4,010 nmi. A total of 86% of this (36.5 h and 3,434 nmi) were conducted in 'good' weather conditions between 6 August and 12 Sept 2002 (Table 2). Surveys were attempted only under favorable weather conditions (light winds and little cloud cover) because past surveys had shown decreased sighting rates of harbor porpoise with increasing Beaufort sea state and cloud cover (Forney *et al.* 1991, Palka 1996, Calambokidis *et al.* 1992). Surveys were also terminated if Beaufort sea state steadily remained above a level 2 (7 knots).

The surveys coverage achieved was fairly complete in most of the 11 regions (Figure 2). Off northern Washington, permit conditions to avoid impacts on eagles and cormorants prevented flights early in the survey period and poor weather prevented most flights later in the survey period. Coverage of that area was therefore the most incomplete of all the regions surveyed. This region will be one of the areas targeted for coverage in 2003.

Sightings

A total of 1,696 sightings of 4,765 animals were made both on and off effort. These represented 5 baleen whale species, 4 delphinid species, 2 porpoise species, 5 pinniped species, and 2 otters. Sightings of harbor porpoise (607 sightings of 935 animals) and harbor seals (806 sightings of 2,823 animals) together accounted for 83% of the sightings. Sightings were made throughout the survey region although there were patterns in the distribution of many species (Figures 3-7).

We saw a larger number of large whales in 2002 compared to past surveys. These included blue whales, fin whales, humpback whales, killer whales, minke whales, and gray whales (Table 2, Figure 6)). Sightings of blue and fin whales were made off southern Oregon in 2002. A large concentration of gray whales was seen repeatedly near Cape Blanco and Port Orford Reef. Killer whales were seen in the Strait of Juan de Fuca as well as one sighting off Oregon.

A total of 606 sightings of 934 harbor porpoise were made during the surveys, with 560 sightings of 867 animals made on-effort (Table 2). Group sizes of harbor porpoise ranged from one to seven with single animals occurring 57% of the time and paired animals in 35% of the sightings (Table 4). High concentrations of harbor porpoise were seen in the central Strait of Juan de Fuca (in conjunction with vessel surveys) and also in the northern San Juan Islands. Relatively low numbers of sightings were made in central and northern Strait of Georgia.

Estimates of abundance of harbor porpoise and other marine mammals will be computed with line-transect analysis from the data from these surveys. Results of these future analyses will be summarized in subsequent reports by the National Marine Mammal Laboratory and Cascadia Research..

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APPENDIX 1. DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM (DAS) DATA FIELD COLUMNS

| Column | Description of data entry |
|---------------|---|
| 1 | Event code |
| 3-7 | Begin waypoint number |
| 8-12 | End waypoint number |
| 13-14 | Month |
| 16-17 | Day |
| 19-20 | Year |
| 22-23 | Time (Hours) |
| 25-26 | Time (Minutes) |
| 28-29 | Time (Seconds) |
| 31-33 | Position (Latitude degrees) |
| 35-39 | Position (Latitude minutes) |
| 41-44 | Position (Longitude degrees) |
| 46-50 | Position (Longitude minutes) |
| 52-55 | Altitude |
| 57-60 | Sighting number |
| 57+ | Comment only (if no sighting data on line) |
| 61-63 | Species code |
| 65-67 | Angle to sighting |
| 67 | Side of center observer's sighting (L or R) |
| 69-72 | Group size |
| 75-77 | Minimum group size |
| 80-82 | Maximum group size |
| 84-85 | Number of calves or pups |
| 93-94 | Behavior code |
| 103-105 | Observer initials |
| 107-109 | Cloud cover |
| 112 | Beaufort scale |
| 114 | Glare left observer |

Event code (column 1): 1 digit code representing the reason for data entry. The different codes are as follows:

1 = left observer sighting

2 = center observer sighting

3 = right observer sighting

4 = sighting from data recorder or pilot

8 = altitude update

W = Weather

B = Begin line

E = End line

X = short break of a given trackline (usually due to a land crossing or species confirmation)

A = resighting of a previously sighted animal

R = Resume on-effort (back over water)

C = Comment

O = Observer update for left, center, right, data recorder, pilot positions

* = aircraft position captured by the DAS program (positions are recorded each minute even when observers were off-effort).

Begin waypoint (columns 3-7): Alpha-numeric code representing the region (letters) and waypoint number at the beginning of the transect line (see attached waypoint table for details).

End waypoint (columns 8-12): Alpha-numeric code representing the region (letters) and waypoint number at the end of the transect line (see attached waypoint table for details).

Month (columns 13-14): Numeric value representing month (e.g. 12 for December).

Day (columns 16-17): Numeric value representing the day of the month.

Year (columns 19-20): Numeric value representing the year (e.g. 96 for 1996).

Time (Hours) (columns 22-23): Numeric value representing the hour (e.g. 13 for the thirteenth hour of the day - Pacific Daylight Savings Time).

Time (Minutes) (columns 25-26): Numeric value representing minutes (e.g. 10 for the tenth minute of the hour).

Time (Seconds) (columns 28-29): Numeric value representing seconds (e.g. 10 for the tenth second of the minute.)

Position (Latitude degrees) (columns 31-33): Numeric value representing the latitude (e.g. N48 for 48 degrees north; "I" indicates that the position was interpolated based on the time and latitude of the position that preceded and followed it).

Position (Latitude minutes) (columns 35-39): Numeric value representing the minutes latitude (60 minutes equals one degree).

Position (Longitude degrees) (columns 41-44): Numeric value representing the degrees longitude (e.g. W123 for 123 degrees west; "I" indicates that the position was interpolated based on the time and longitude of the position that preceded and followed it).

Position (Longitude minutes) (columns 46-50): Numeric value representing the minutes longitude (60 minutes equals one degree).

Altitude (columns 52-55): Numeric value representing the altitude of the survey aircraft at time of event.

Sighting number (columns 57-60): Numeric code given for the sighting number. DAS numbered the sightings sequentially beginning each time the DAS program was loaded. Skips in the sighting numbers represent that a sighting was removed from the data file.

Species code (columns 61-62): Code representing the species sighted:

- 1 = Harbor Porpoise
- 2 = Harbor Seal
- BA = Minke Whale
- EJ = Northern Sea Lion
- EL = Sea Otter
- ER = Gray Whale
- GG = Risso's Dolphin
- LB = Northern Right Whale Dolphin
- LBT = Leatherback Turtle
- LO = Pacific White-Sided Dolphin
- MA = Elephant Seal
- OO = Killer Whale
- PD = Dall's Porpoise
- TS = Shark (Most Likely Thresher Or Blue)
- UP = Unidentified Pinniped
- UO = Unidentified Otariid
- UW = Unidentified Whale
- ZC = California Sea Lion

Angle to sighting (columns 65 - 67): Numeric value representing the clinometer reading in degrees to animal as it passes abeam of the aircraft (90 degrees = trackline). Angles for the belly observer was estimated from a premarked grid positioned above the viewing port.

Side of aircraft (column 67): Left (L) or right (R) side of the aircraft (for center observer sightings)

Group size (columns 69-72): Numeric value representing the number of animals seen for the specific sighting (number includes all calves or pups in group).

Calves/Pups (column 84-85): Number of calves or pups if seen

Behavior code (column 94): Number: 3 = stationary, 6 = hauled pinniped, 15 = cetacean pectoral fin slap, 32 = alteration of normal activities, 33 = quick dive

Observer initials (columns 103-105): 2 digit code for the using the first letters from the observers first and last name.

Cloud cover (columns 107-109): Numeric code representing percent of cloud cover (e.g. 25 for 25% cloud cover).

Beaufort wind scale (column 111-112): Representing the Beaufort wind scale (1 = Beaufort 1).

Glare: Numeric code representing surface glare conditions.

1 = no glare problems

2 = some glare – affects search

3 = severe glare - scorched eyeballs

Left observer (column 114)

Center observer (column 116)

Right observer (column 118)

Visual quality: Numeric code of overall impression of ability to see animals

1 = Excellent

2 = Good

3 = Fair

4 = Poor

5 = Unacceptable

Left observer (column 120)

Center observer (column 122)

Right observer (column 124)

Comment for sighting: (columns 126+): Comment about sighting or flight.

Center saw: Letter code (Y or N) indicating whether the center observer saw the side observer's last sighting. No code indicates the center did not see the sighting.

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7. Sighting locations of pinnipeds

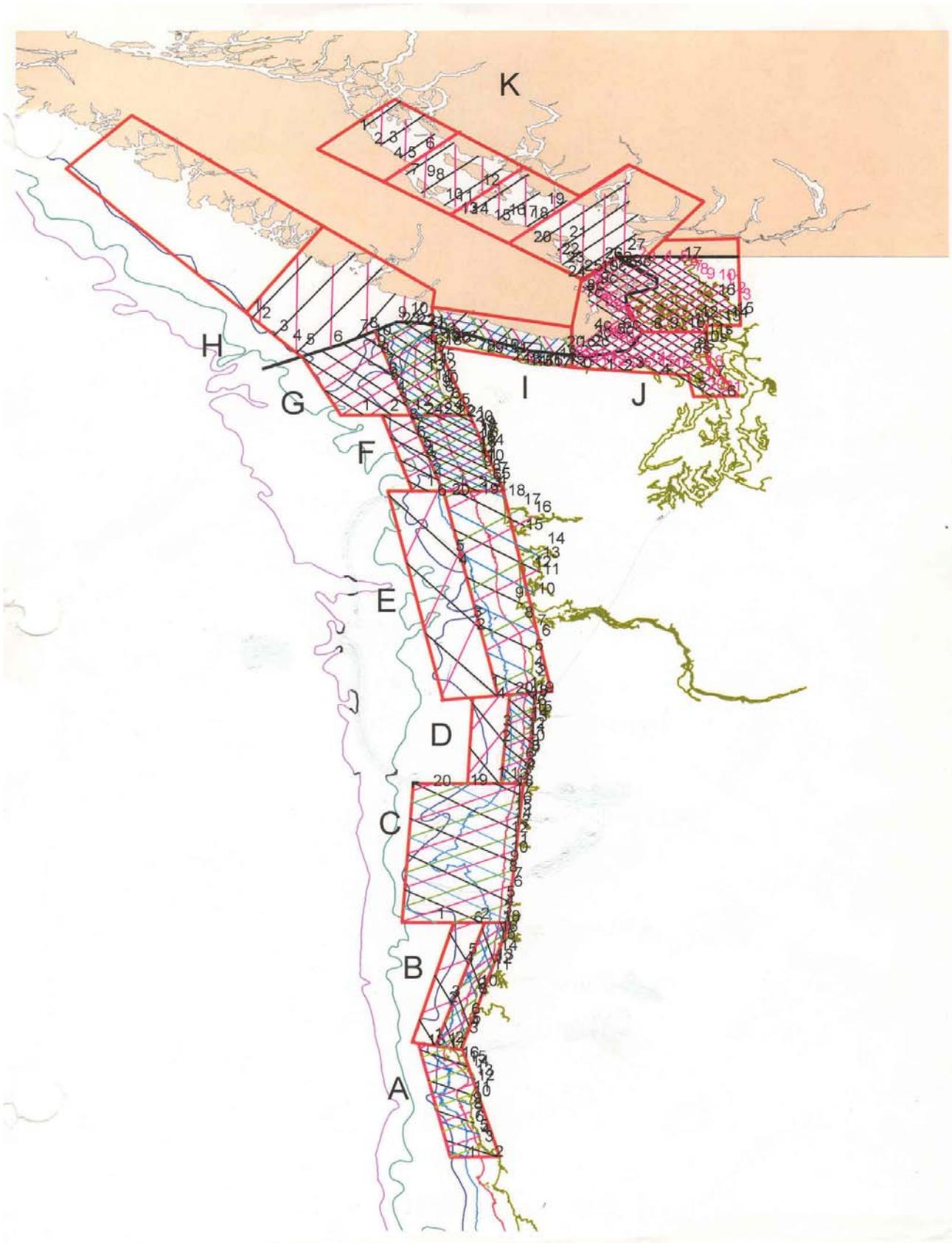


Figure 1. Study regions and planned survey lines for 2002 effort.

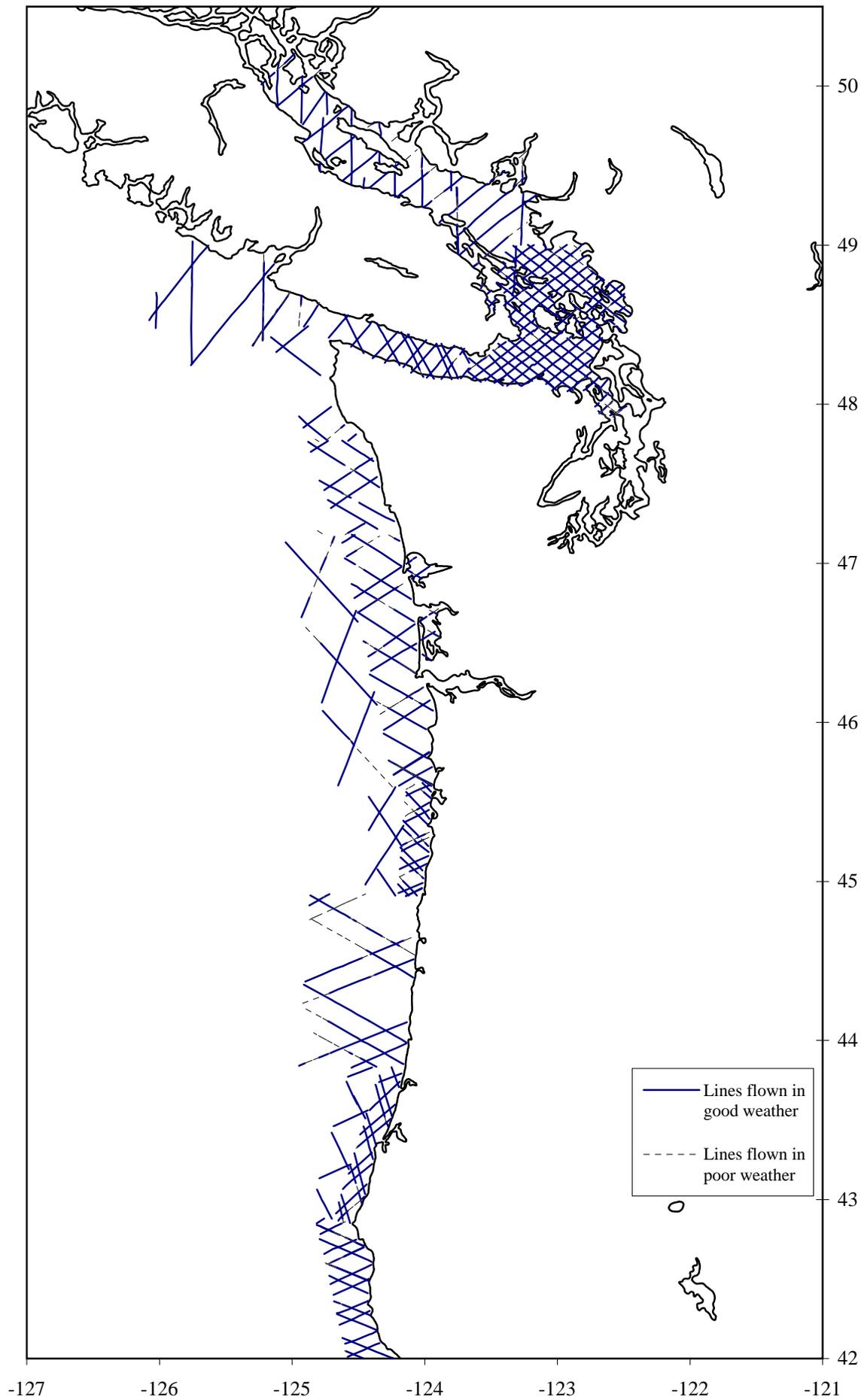


Figure 2. Transect lines completed in 2002 in good weather (Beaufort 0-2, Cloud cover <51%) and in poor weather

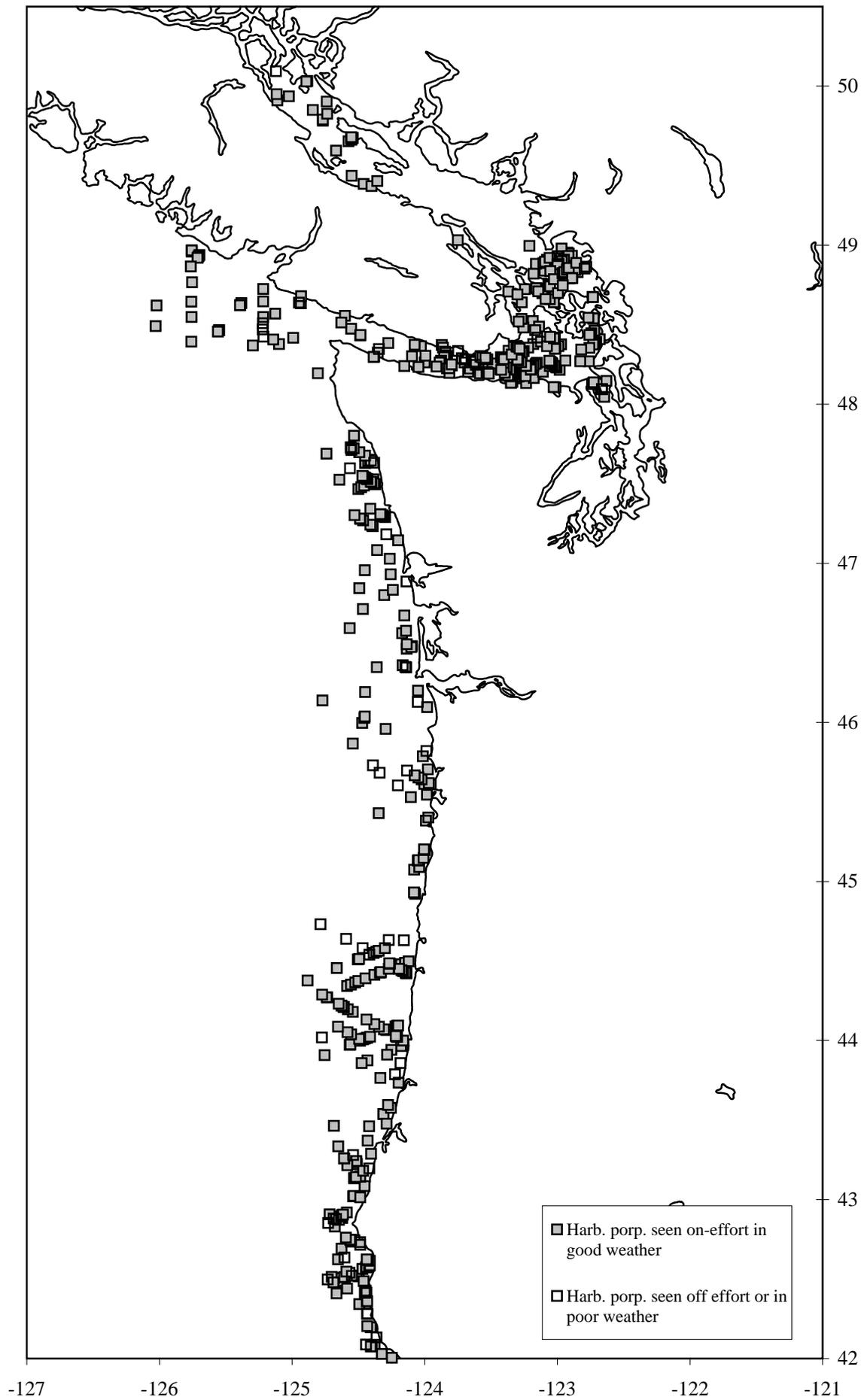


Figure 3. Locations of harbor porpoise sightings in 2002 aerial surveys.

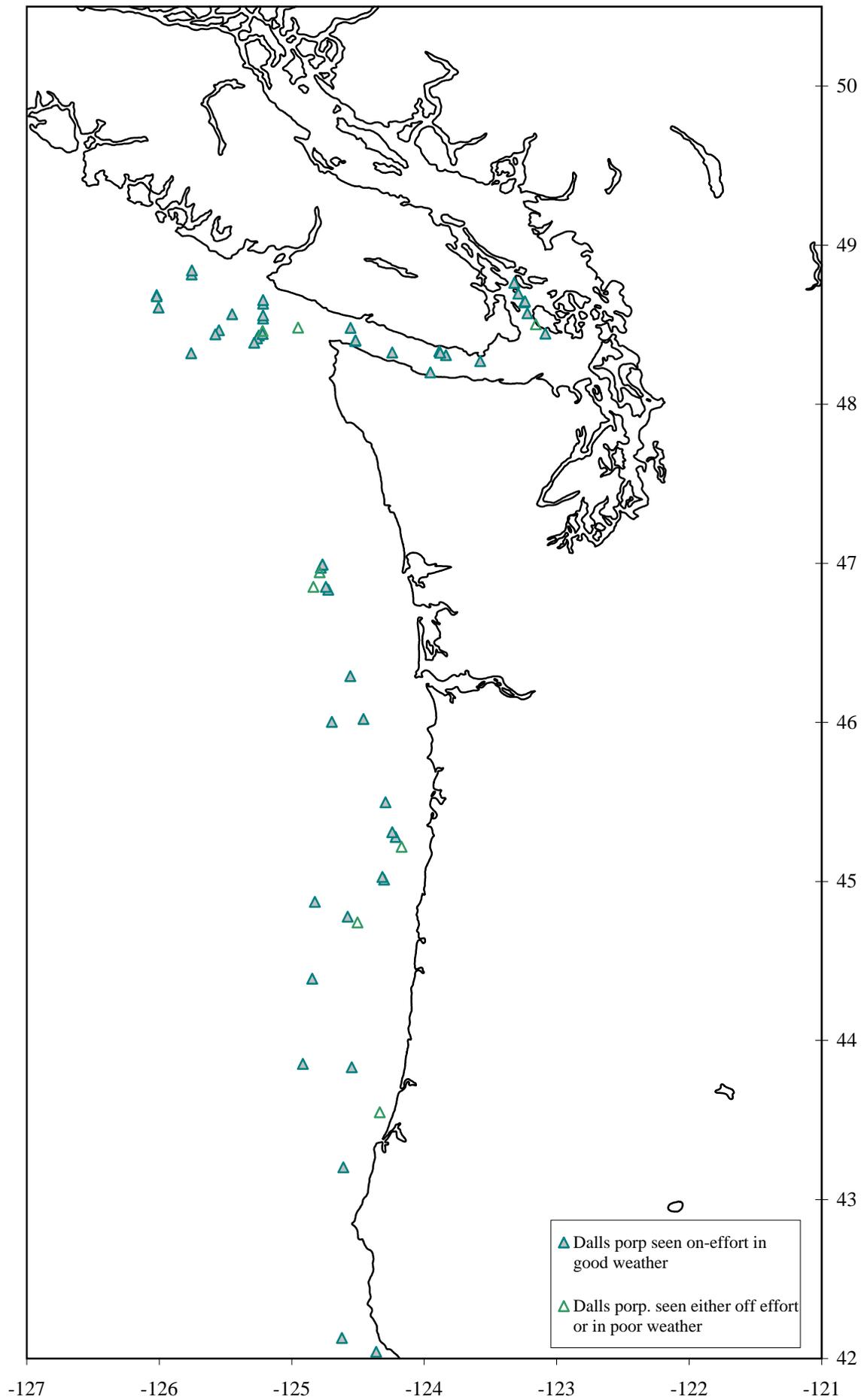


Figure 4. Dall's porpoise locations during 2002 surveys.

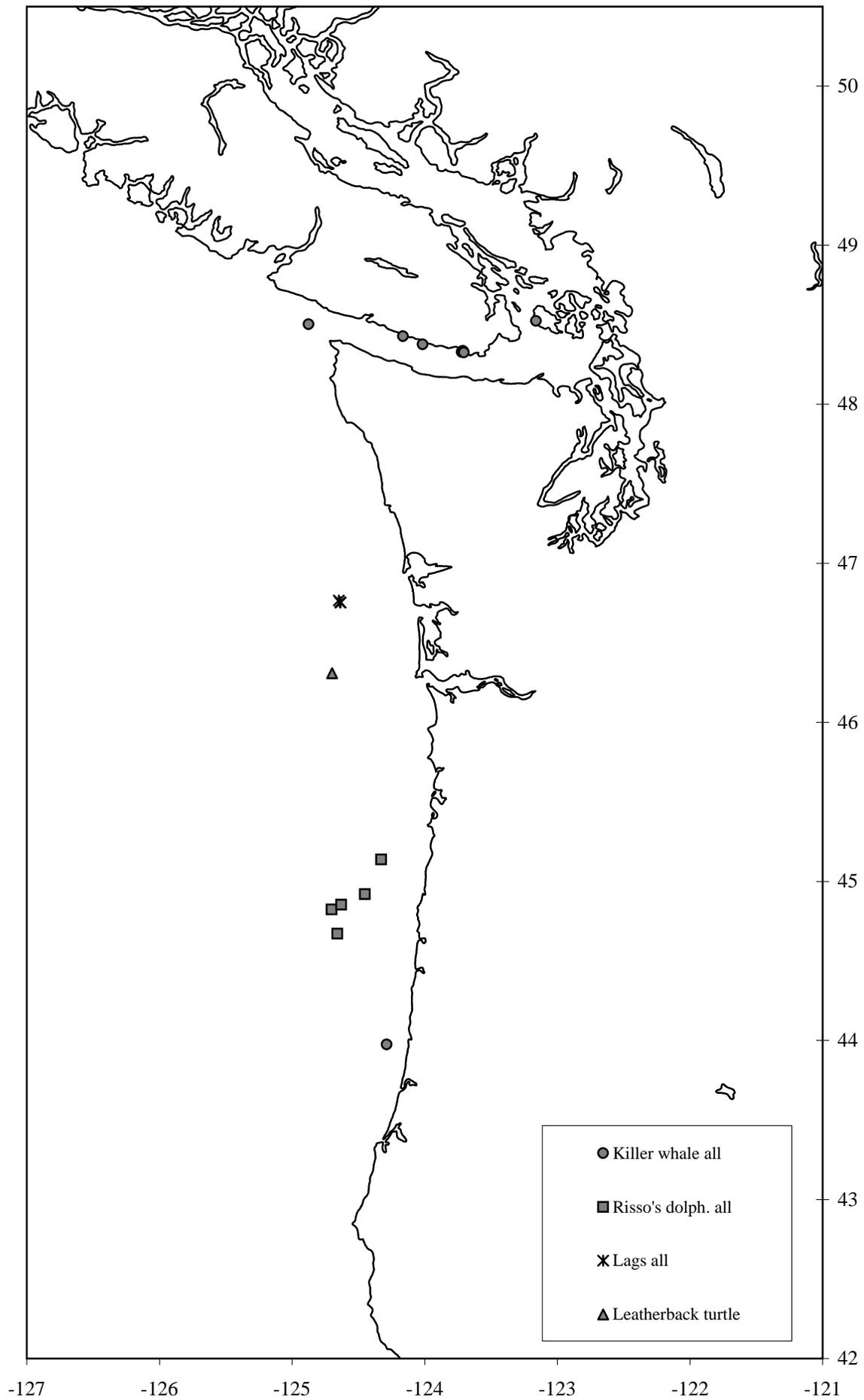


Figure 5. Sightings of delphinids and leatherback turtle in 2022 surveys (all effort and weather).

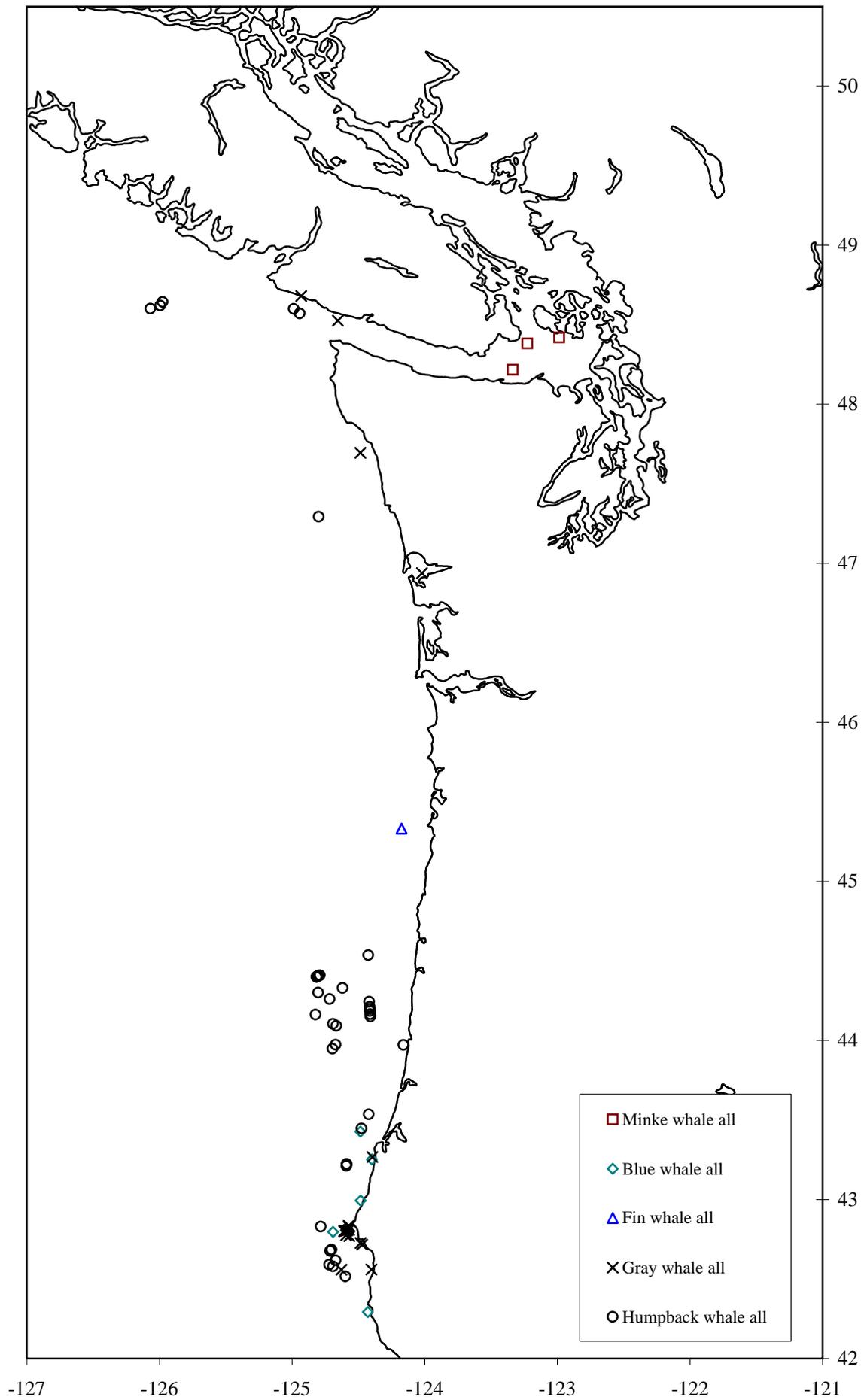


Figure 6. Sighting locations of baleen whales during 2002 surveys (all effort and weather).

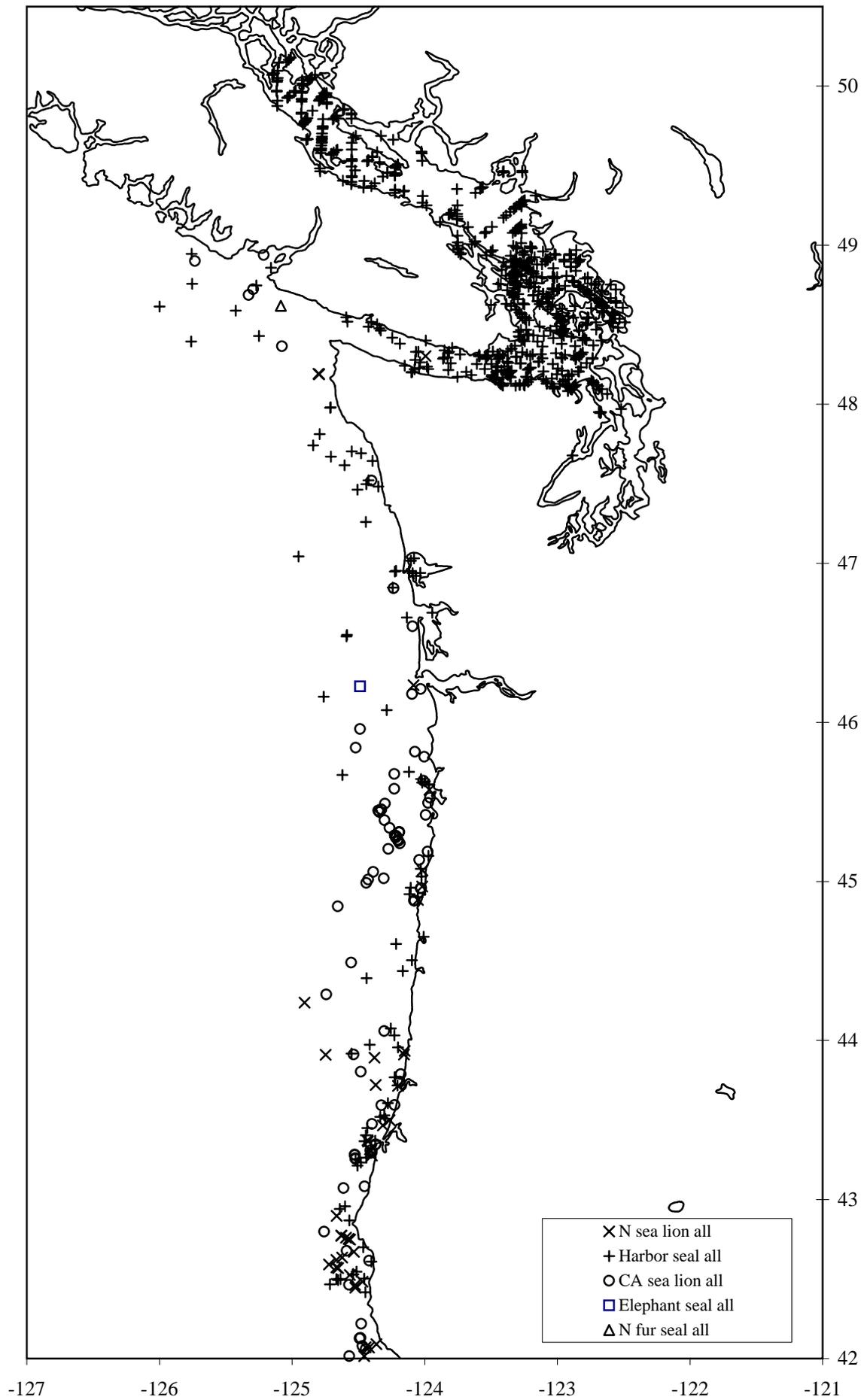


Figure 7. Sighting locations of pinnipeds during 2002 surveys (all effort and weather).

Table 1. Summary of flight times and hours during 2002 surveys.

| Date | Take-off | Land | Hours | Description |
|--------------------------------|----------|------|--------|--|
| 5-Aug | | | 6.60 | Ferry Oxnard to Olympia |
| 6-Aug | 1020 | 1110 | 0.83 | Transit to Seaside |
| 6-Aug | 1304 | 1702 | 3.96 | Survey Route 13 in good conditions |
| 7-Aug | 0830 | 0936 | 1.10 | Transit to P.A. |
| 7-Aug | 1036 | 1153 | 1.20 | Transit to Strait of Georgia and back to P.A. |
| 7-Aug | 1341 | 1630 | 2.82 | Start surveying route 24, abort 3.5 lines, transit back to Oly |
| 8-Aug | 0906 | 1347 | 4.68 | Survey Route 10 and 15 in good conditions |
| 8-Aug | 1452 | 1630 | 1.63 | Check conditions at route 14, transit back to Oly |
| 9-Aug | 0806 | 0848 | 0.70 | Check conditions at route 14, set down in Astoria |
| 9-Aug | 1422 | 1501 | 0.65 | Transit Astoria to Oly |
| 12-Aug | 0837 | 1241 | 4.06 | Transit Oly to Strait of Juan de Fuca, complete survey 30 |
| 12-Aug | 1416 | 1803 | 3.78 | Complete Route 31 |
| 13-Aug | 0825 | 0934 | 1.15 | Transit P.A. to Southern Strait of Georgia to Friday Hbr. |
| 13-Aug | 1018 | 1345 | 3.45 | Complete Route 33 (central San Juans) |
| 13-Aug | 1525 | 1919 | 3.90 | Complete Routes 25 and 26 |
| 14-Aug | 0843 | 0937 | 0.90 | Transit back to Olympia |
| 15-Aug | 1049 | 1136 | 0.78 | Transit to Astoria/wait for fog to clear |
| 15-Aug | 1312 | 1334 | 0.37 | Astoria to Astoria (check on cloud cover - abort) |
| 16-Aug | 1159 | 1423 | 2.40 | Survey Route 11 in 75% good conditions |
| 16-Aug | 1515 | 1607 | 0.87 | Try and fly Route 14 - abort (beau. 3) |
| 16-Aug | 1641 | 1720 | 0.65 | Astoria to Olympia (no hotels in Astoria) |
| 20-Aug | 1031 | 1149 | 1.30 | Olympia to Friday Harbor (wait out cloud cover) |
| 20-Aug | 1227 | 1330 | 1.05 | Abort route 29 |
| 21-Aug | 0848 | 0916 | 0.83 | Bellingham to Friday Harbor (wait out cloud cover) |
| 21-Aug | 1319 | 1811 | 5.55 | Fly Routes 34 and 35 |
| 22-Aug | 0838 | 1155 | 3.29 | Fly Route 32 |
| 22-Aug | 1359 | 1822 | 4.38 | Fly Route 27 |
| 24-Aug | 1008 | 1111 | 1.05 | Transit Oly to Bellingham to refuel before Flying Route 28 |
| 24-Aug | 1159 | 1553 | 3.90 | Survey route 28 in 75-80 percent good conditions |
| 24-Aug | 1644 | 2006 | 3.28 | Survey route 29 (complete 3/4 before getting too dark) |
| 24-Aug | 2008 | 2038 | 0.50 | Drop Joe E off in Redmond - Transit back to Oly |
| 26-Aug | 1035 | 1117 | 0.70 | Transit to Hoquiam - Wait out fog |
| 26-Aug | 1245 | 1829 | 5.73 | Survey Route 19 and 3/4 of 24 |
| 27-Aug | 0831 | 1024 | 1.88 | Transit to Route 14 - abort |
| 27-Aug | 1050 | 1253 | 2.05 | Transit to Route 22- abort |
| 3-Sep | 0910 | 1323 | 4.22 | Complete Route 12 and 16 |
| 3-Sep | 1431 | 1833 | 4.03 | Complete Route 14 |
| 4-Sep | 0741 | 1114 | 3.55 | Transit From Oly / Complete 75% Route 5 (fog) |
| 4-Sep | 1216 | 1537 | 3.35 | Complete 85% Route 3 |
| 5-Sep | 0753 | 1018 | 2.42 | Transit from Oly / Abort route 9 due to fog/wind |
| 5-Sep | 1050 | 1403 | 3.22 | Complete 60% Route 4 / Finish Route 5 |
| 6-Sep | 1433 | 1805 | 3.53 | Fly Route 7 complete 98% (still need to do line 17) |
| 7-Sep | 0833 | 1312 | 4.65 | Fly Route 1 and 2 |
| 7-Sep | 1352 | 1701 | 3.15 | Finish Route 4 and Fly Route 8 (last 1.7 lines beau. 3 and 4) |
| 8-Sep | 0823 | 0940 | 1.29 | Transit Newport to Olympia |
| 12-Sep | 1001 | 1013 | 0.20 | Aborted flight due to smoke in cabin |
| 12-Sep | 1055 | 1256 | 2.01 | Transit from Oly to Rt 21 and back |
| 16-Sep | | | 6.69 | Transit back to Oxnard |
| Total hours on site | | | 110.99 | |
| Total ferry hours (start and e | | | 13.29 | |
| Total hours flown | | | 124.28 | |
| | | | 5.00 | Additional billed hours to reach 3h/d minimum |

Table 2. Summary of nmi and hours on-effort in good and bad weather in 2002.

| Date | Poor weather | | Good weather | | All on-effort | |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| | nmi | hrs | nmi | hrs | nmi | hrs |
| 6-Aug | 23.2 | 0.2 | 184.0 | 1.9 | 207.2 | 2.2 |
| 7-Aug | 38.4 | 0.4 | 20.9 | 0.2 | 59.3 | 0.6 |
| 8-Aug | 41.3 | 0.5 | 171.7 | 1.9 | 213.0 | 2.3 |
| 12-Aug | 37.8 | 0.4 | 389.2 | 4.0 | 427.0 | 4.4 |
| 13-Aug | 27.4 | 0.3 | 318.9 | 3.4 | 346.3 | 3.7 |
| 16-Aug | 49.0 | 0.5 | 79.0 | 0.8 | 128.0 | 1.4 |
| 20-Aug | 7.9 | 0.1 | 12.3 | 0.1 | 20.2 | 0.2 |
| 21-Aug | 33.6 | 0.4 | 242.1 | 2.6 | 275.7 | 2.9 |
| 22-Aug | 12.2 | 0.1 | 285.2 | 3.0 | 297.4 | 3.1 |
| 24-Aug | 55.3 | 0.6 | 246.8 | 2.6 | 302.1 | 3.2 |
| 26-Aug | 9.1 | 0.1 | 314.6 | 3.4 | 323.7 | 3.5 |
| 27-Aug | 25.2 | 0.3 | 64.5 | 0.7 | 89.7 | 1.0 |
| 3-Sep | 63.4 | 0.7 | 316.5 | 3.4 | 380.0 | 4.1 |
| 4-Sep | | | 166.2 | 1.8 | 166.2 | 1.8 |
| 5-Sep | 29.7 | 0.3 | 109.7 | 1.2 | 139.4 | 1.5 |
| 6-Sep | 28.0 | 0.3 | 158.6 | 1.7 | 186.6 | 2.0 |
| 7-Sep | 91.4 | 1.0 | 347.6 | 3.8 | 439.0 | 4.7 |
| 12-Sep | 3.4 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 0.1 |
| All days | 576.3 | 6.1 | 3,434.0 | 36.5 | 4,010.3 | 42.6 |

Table 3. Summary of sightings both on and off effort in 2002 surveys.

| Species | <u>Off effort</u> | | <u>On effort</u> | | | | <u>Total</u> | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Sight. | No. | <u>Poor weather</u> | | <u>Good weather</u> | | Sight. | No. |
| | | | Sight. | No. | Sight. | No. | | |
| Baleen whales | | | | | | | | |
| Minke whale | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Blue whale | 3 | 3 | | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| Fin whale | | | | | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Gray whale | 15 | 18 | | | 3 | 3 | 18 | 21 |
| Humpback whale | 14 | 29 | 6 | 11 | 20 | 59 | 40 | 99 |
| Unidentified whale | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Delphinids | | | | | | | | |
| Risso's dolphin | | | 4 | 98 | 1 | 130 | 5 | 228 |
| Northern right whale dolphins | | | | | 3 | 107 | 3 | 107 |
| Killer whale | 3 | 66 | | | 6 | 32 | 9 | 98 |
| Porpoise | | | | | | | | |
| Dall's porpoise | 4 | 13 | 5 | 12 | 55 | 118 | 64 | 143 |
| Harbor porpoise | 46 | 67 | 25 | 32 | 536 | 836 | 607 | 935 |
| Pinnipeds | | | | | | | | |
| Harbor seal | 23 | 572 | 51 | 62 | 732 | 2189 | 806 | 2823 |
| California sea lion | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 72 | 165 | 80 | 175 |
| Northern fur seal | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Northern sea lion | 8 | 13 | 6 | 13 | 30 | 83 | 44 | 109 |
| Elephant seal | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Unidentified otariid | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Unidentified pinniped | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Otters and turtles | | | | | | | | |
| Sea otter | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| River otter | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Leatherback turtle | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 121 | 789 | 103 | 236 | 1472 | 3740 | 1696 | 4765 |

Table 4. Summary of group sizes of sightings on-effort in good weather.

| Species | Group size | | | | | | | | | | | All |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10-99 | >99 | |
| Baleen whales | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minke whale | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Blue whale | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Fin whale | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Gray whale | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Humpback whale | 11 | 7 | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 20 |
| Unidentified whale | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Delphinids | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Risso's dolphin | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Northern right whale dolphins | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| Killer whale | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | 6 |
| Porpoise | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dall's porpoise | 22 | 20 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 55 |
| Harbor porpoise | 300 | 191 | 34 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 536 |
| Pinnipeds | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harbor seal | 652 | 45 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 17 | 3 | 732 |
| California sea lion | 52 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | | | | 4 | | 72 |
| Northern fur seal | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Northern sea lion | 21 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 30 |
| Elephant seal | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Unidentified otariid | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Unidentified porpoise | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Otters and turtles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sea otter | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| River otter | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Leatherback turtle | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | 1075 | 275 | 54 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 5 | 1472 |