

Species	Right Whale	Whale ID	Eg #2220
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Date first observed entangled (date seen prior without gear)		09 Mar 1996 (03 Oct 1995)			
Sex	Male	Birth year	Unknown	Age at entanglement	5+

Case study ID	PCCS	NMFS	GEAR ID
		E96-2	J030996
Gear sample collected?	Yes	Gear type	Lobster

No drawing available

Reproductive prior to/after entanglement detection?					
Entanglement injury severity		Severe			
Entanglement configuration risk		High			
Wound severity	Mouth	Head/ Rostrum	Flippers	Body	Flukes
	Medium	High	Medium	Unknown	Medium
Duration of time carrying gear		Minimum 85 days, maximum 115			
Disentangled?		No			
Status		Dead in 1996			
Number of prior entanglement interactions		1			

Entanglement configuration	Single line extended both sides of the mouth and also was loosely wrapped around tail with a single lobster pot attached.	
Anchoring point(s)	Mouth and tail	
Gear configuration confidence	High	
Remaining questions		
Comments	A 3 meter gash on the back and broken skull indicates the animal was likely killed by ship strike.	
Polymer type	PP	
Gear component	Vertical	
Rope diameter (inches)	3/8 (0.346)	
Breaking strength (lbs)	Tested	1 442
	New	2 430



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FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF ROPES WHALE ENTANGLEMENT PROJECT

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Gear Description:

A tangle of lines inside the bent trap. Included were a length of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch orange PP 3-strand with a green marker yarn (a), a piece of $\frac{7}{16}$ inch black PP with a green marker yarn (b) with a tensile break at one end. The orange PP 3-strand was the only specimen taken and photographed; the others were just measured at the site.



Rope description:

J030996-a: The $\frac{3}{8}$ inch orange PP 3-strand had a green marker yarn in one strand and 4 rope yarns per strand. The retrieved line segment was in good condition. However the part in the trap was moderately damaged.

Tested (T) or adjusted (A) strength	Typical new strength	Rope condition
1,442 lbs (T)	2,430 lbs	Good



$\frac{3}{8}$ inch orange PP 3-strand with green marker yarn- good condition.

J030996-b: A $\frac{5}{16}$ inch PP/PET 3-strand with black PP rope yarns in parallel with the white PET rope yarns. Another example of 'Easy Haul'.

Sample not tested.