**Species** | **Right Whale**
---|---
**Whale ID** | **Eg #2753**

**Date first observed entangled**
- (date seen prior without gear):
  - 05 Jun 1999 (03 Sep 1998)

**Sex** | Female
---|---
**Birth year** | 1997
**Age at entanglement** | 2

**Entanglement configuration**
- Whale free-swimming; bridle of line caught in mouth leading to tangle of line and buoys on back; line trailing ~300 feet.

**Entanglement configuration risk**
- High

**Species** | **Right Whale**
---|---
**Whale ID** | **Eg #2753**

**Reproductive prior to/after entanglement detection?**
- No/Yes

**Entanglement injury severity**
- Minor

**Entanglement configuration risk**
- High

**Wound severity**
- Mouth: Low
- Head/Region: None
- Flippers: Unknown
- Body: Low
- Flukes: Low

**Duration of time carrying gear**
- Minimum 1 day, maximum 289 days

**Disentangled?**
- Yes - 5 Jun 1999

**Status**
- Alive - Last sighted in 2014

**Number of prior entanglement interactions**
- 1

**Entanglement configuration**
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**Anchoring point(s)**
- Mouth

**Gear configuration confidence**
- High

**Remaining questions**
- None

**Comments**
- Whale was discovered and disentangled during training session in Bay of Fundy.

**Polymer Type**
- PP/PET

**Gear Component**
- Vertical line

**Rope Diameter (inches)**
- 5/16 (0.323)

**Breaking Strength (lbs)**
- Tested 1 854
- New 1 900

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DATA SHEET

FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF ROPES
WHALE ENTANGLEMENT PROJECT

SPECIMEN ID NO.                  NMFS NO.
J060599                        E7-99

Gear Description:
Coil of ‘Easy Haul’ PP/PET sinking line as seen below

Rope description:

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<td>1,854 lbs (T)</td>
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