

# 2018 summary

**\*\*considered preliminary, data through 7/30/2018\*\***

- **26 confirmed entangled whales, 32 total reports**
  - Gray whales: 11 confirmed, 13 total
  - Humpback whales: 14 confirmed, 16 total
  - Fin whale: 1 confirmed, 1 total
  - Unidentified: 0 confirmed, 1 total
  - Blue: 0 confirmed, 1 total
- **Confirmed fisheries associated with entanglements: 16 reports**
  - Commercial Dungeness crab: 11 total
    - 4 WDFW (3 gray whales, 1 humpback whale)
    - 2 ODFW (2 gray whales)
    - 2 CDFW (2 humpback) (+1 in December 2017)
    - 1 CDFW & ODFW (1 humpback whale) – set in Crescent City
    - 1 WA + WA tribal (1 humpback whale)
    - 1 tag seen, undetermined shape (color consistent with CA and WA, on 1 humpback whale)
  - Gillnet: 5 (3 gray whales, 2 humpback whale)
- **Reporting location**
  - California: 15 confirmed reports, 20 total reports
  - Washington: 9 confirmed reports
  - Oregon: 2 confirmed reports
  - Mexico: 1 confirmed report (dead humpback with gear from CA)

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- February (2 confirmed reports):
    - Gray whale with line only on tail, reported in Orange county, CA (Feb. 21)
    - Gray whale with line + red round buoy (maybe poly-ball), reported in Monterey, CA (Feb. 21)
  - March (1 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed reports):
    - Gray whale with green monofilament gillnet wrapped around tailstock, reported off LA, CA (March 3)
    - Gray whale (U) second hand report- buoy and gray whale moving together. Sent a search party but was not resighted; reported in Humboldt County, CA (March 30)
  - April (5 confirmed):
    - Reported in California (2 confirmed reports):
      - Gray whale with pink monofilament gillnet around head, reported off San Diego, CA (April 15)
      - Gray whale with pink gillnet, reported in Orange County, CA (April 24)
    - Reported in Washington (3 confirmed reports):
      - Dead gray whale entangled with WA commercial Dungeness crab, reported in Washington (April 13)
      - Gray whale trailing line and buoy- OR commercial Dungeness crab, reported in Washington (April 13)
      - Humpback whale with WA commercial Dungeness crab, reported in Washington (April 29)
- (U): unconfirmed

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- May (10 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed)
  - Reported in California (7 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed reports):
    - Humpback whale with rope and buoys, reported off San Francisco, CA (May 13)
    - Humpback whale with line, reported off Morro Bay, CA (May 14)
    - Humpback whale with line and buoys, reported off Big Sur, CA (May 16)
    - Humpback whale with OR + **CA Dungeness crab gear**, reported off Monterey, CA (May 23)
    - Humpback whale with rope, buoy, and **buoy tag (state unknown)**, reported off Monterey, CA (May 27)
    - Gray whale (U) floating dead, with rope and buoys, reported off San Luis Obispo, CA (May 6)
    - Gray whale floating dead, off Marin County, CA, entanglement is COD, also ship struck (May 18)
    - Fin whale with line, reported off Santa Cruz Island, CA (May 24)
    - Unidentified whale (U) with rope and buoy, reported off Ventura, CA (May 13)
  - Reported in Washington (3 confirmed reports):
    - Gray whale with WA Dungeness crab gear, reported off Washington (May 8), stranded dead (May 27)
    - Humpback whale floating dead, entangled in WA + WA tribal Dungeness crab gear, reported off Washington (May 17)
    - Gray whale with line and 3 buoys, reported off Washington (May 27)
- (U): unconfirmed

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- June (2 confirmed)
  - Gray whale with WA Dungeness crab gear, reported off Depoe Bay, OR (June 6)
  - Humpback whale entangled with 1 buoy, reported off Pacifica, CA (June 29), with possible resight on 6/30/18
- July (6 confirmed, 3 unconfirmed)
  - Humpback whale floating dead off southern California, entangled with gillnet, just under 12 inch mesh size (July 2)
  - Humpback whale anchored or dragging slowly with buoys, reported off Washington (July 7)
  - Humpback whale (U) “carrying crab pots” near Brookings, OR (July 9)
  - Humpback whale with line and **CA Dungeness crab gear**- 3 buoys in Monterey, CA (July 12)
  - Humpback whale (U) with line and 1 buoy in Mendocino, CA (July 15)
  - Blue whale (U) trailing 2 dark colored buoys in Sonoma County, CA (July 16)
  - Humpback whale, stranded dead, entangled with **CA Dungeness crab gear** near Mazatlán, Mexico (July 18) \*2017-19 tag
  - Humpback whale entangled with tribal drift gillnet in WA (July 28)
  - Humpback whale entangled with line off Winchester Bay, WA (July 30)