

Table 2. Summary of confirmed large whale entanglement events along the Gulf of Mexico Coast, US East Coast and Atlantic Canadian Provinces, 2006-2010. Determinations of human-caused mortality and serious injury follow the criteria established by the NEFSC.

Species	Western North Atlantic right whale (<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>)	Gulf of Maine humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>)	Western North Atlantic fin whale (<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>)	Nova Scotian sei whale (<i>B. borealis</i>)	Western North Atlantic blue whale (<i>B. musculus</i>)	Canadian East Coast minke whale (<i>B. acutorostrata</i>)	Northern Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale (<i>B. edeni</i>)	Unidentified fin/sei whale	Unidentified balaenopterid	Unidentified whale spp.	Totals
Confirmed entanglement events (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)	33 (5, 4, 10, 8, 6)	101 (20, 14, 22, 24, 21)	15 (2, 6, 2, 4, 1)	3 (1, 0, 2, 0, 0)	0	48 (8, 12, 15, 7, 6)	0	1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	0	5 (1, 1, 1, 0, 2)	206
Confirmed entanglement mortalities	4 (1, 1, 0, 0, 2)	9 (1, 1, 2, 2, 3)	2 (0, 2, 0, 0, 0)	1 (0, 0, 1, 0, 0)	0	7 (2, 1, 4, 0, 0)	0	0	0	1 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)	24
Confirmed entanglement serious injuries	5 (0, 0, 1, 2, 2)	20 (4, 2, 4, 3, 7)	2 (1, 1, 0, 0, 0)	2 (1, 0, 1, 0, 0)	0	4 (0, 1, 0, 2, 1)	0	0	0	0	33
Confirmed entanglement events, NOT serious injury/mortality ^a	21 (3, 2, 9, 5, 2)	37 (8, 7, 7, 9, 6)	2 (0, 1, 1, 0, 0)	0	0	13 (4, 3, 1, 2, 3)	0	0	0	0	73
Confirmed entanglement events, IITD ^b	2 (1, 0, 0, 1, 0)	20^c (3, 4, 5, 5, 3)	6 (1, 2, 0, 3, 0)	0	0	14^c (2, 3, 6, 2, 1)	0	1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	0	2 (1, 0, 0, 0, 1)	45
Mortality with evidence of entanglement, but not confirmed as COD ^d	1 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0)	15 (3, 1, 4, 5, 2)	3 (0, 0, 1, 1, 1)	0	0	10 (0, 4, 4, 1, 1)	0	0	0	2 (0, 0, 1, 0, 1)	31

^a Includes cases where animal shed gear or was disentangled thereby potentially avoiding serious injury.

^b IITD = insufficient information to determine cause of death or if the injury was serious and likely lethal.

^c This value includes one event where evidence of both recent entanglement and vessel strike was present, but vessel strike was determined to be the primary cause of injury.

^d COD = cause of death