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Summary of humpback Sightings

After a year with no tours and thus no sightings, 2021 began late in the summer on July 23 and extended well into late fall on October 20 with 59 days on the water. Our science tour, Discover Alaska's Whales had 55 days with tours.

Twenty-one individual humpbacks are identified to individual and were sighted 107 times.

On 30 days at least one unidentified humpback whale was seen.

The average number of whales seen per day is 3.

The first table is whales by number and the second whales by number of days sighted. As has been the case for the past five years, whale 1538, Flame, is the standout performer. Coming in second is her 2021 calf, Bolt. A good question is why wasn't "he" seen more often?

		days of			days of
Whale	Whale name	sightings	Whale	Whale name	sightings
1306	Pizza	1	unidentified		30
1447	Juneauite	7	1538	Flame	25
1538	Flame	25	Bolt		13
1703	Bullethole	1	1820	Nibblet	8
1783	Tucker	2	2070	Barnacles	8
1820	Nibblet	8	1447	Juneauite	7
1829	calf Gimlet	3	Kelp		7
1879	Sasha	6	1879	Sasha	6
1907		3	5304	Riddler	6
1907	calf	2	2006	Magma	4
2006	Magma	4	2171	Hilda	4
2070	Barnacles	8	1829	calf Gimlet	3
2147	Moon Cheese	1	1907		3
2171	Hilda	4	2348	Eyelet	3
2348	Eyelet	3	1783	Tucker	2
2564	Flash aka Siara	2	1907	calf	2
2609		1	2564	Flash aka Siara	2
5304	Riddler	6	1306	Pizza	1
Bolt		13	1703	Bullethole	1
Kelp		7	2147	Moon Cheese	1
unidentified		30	2609		1

COOS Range

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