



Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission

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**Statement of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
Regarding Gray Whale Struck on the Kuskokwim River**

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) was notified today by news sources that a gray whale was struck on the Kuskokwim River. The AEWC is responsible for managing the bowhead whale and its subsistence harvest through a co-management agreement with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This co-management agreement applies only to whaling activities by registered whaling captains in the AEWC's 11 villages of Barrow, Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, Pt. Lay, Wainwright, Pt Hope, Kivalina, Wales, Little Diomedes, Gambell, and Savoonga. The AEWC does not have authority related to whaling activities beyond the registered whaling captains of these communities.

All inquiries can be directed to the regional National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) office in Anchorage.

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