

2020 Marine Mammal Strandings in Alaska

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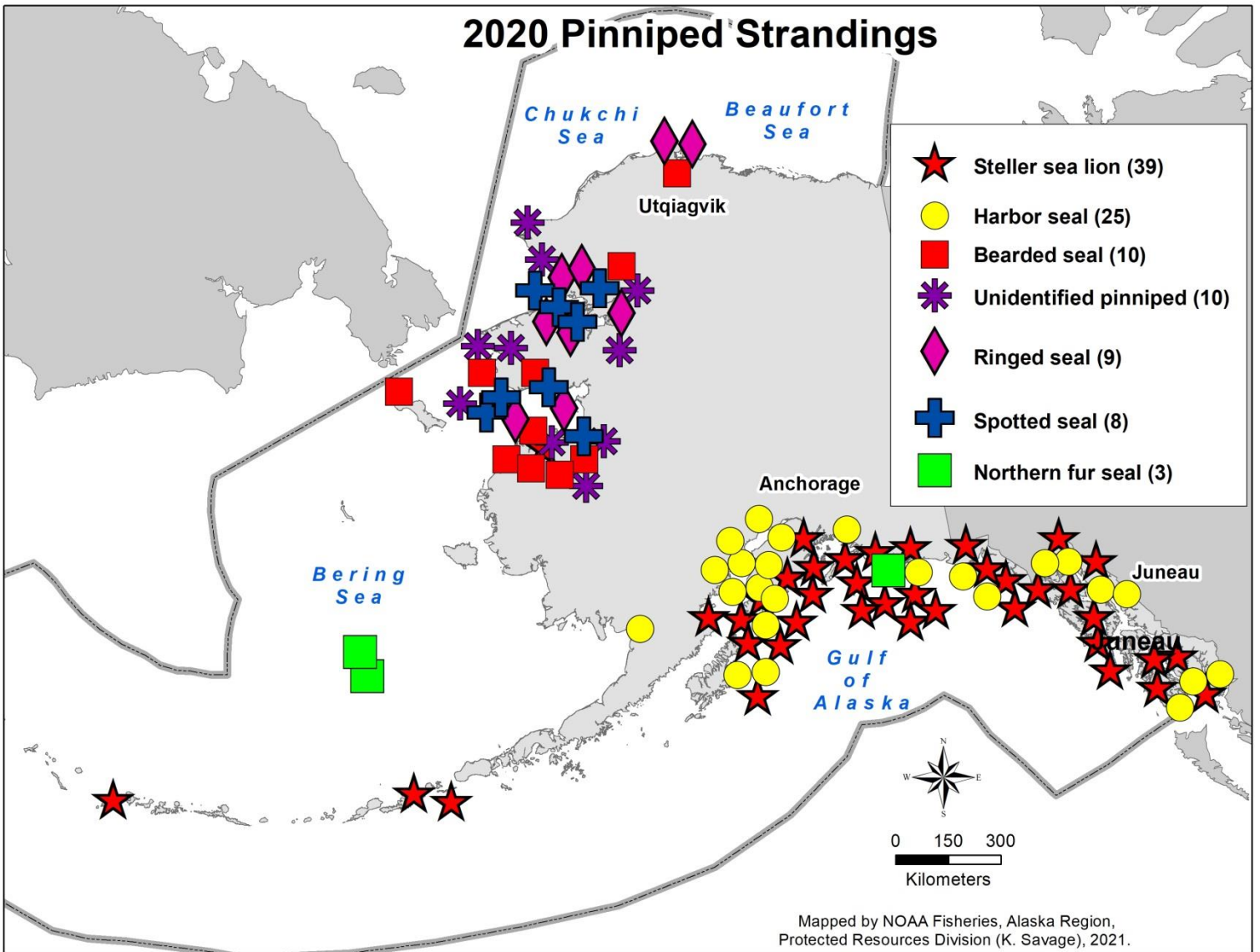
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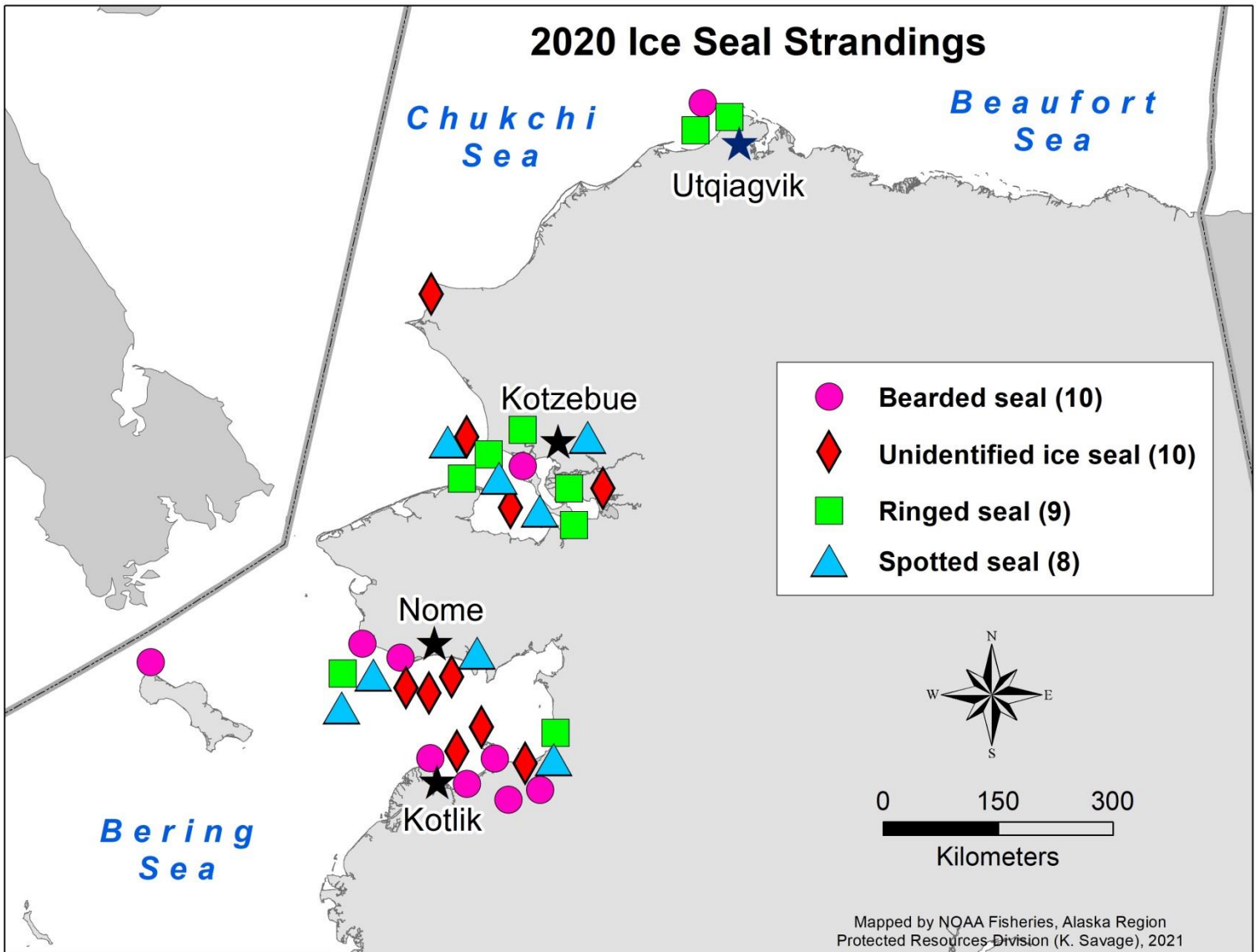
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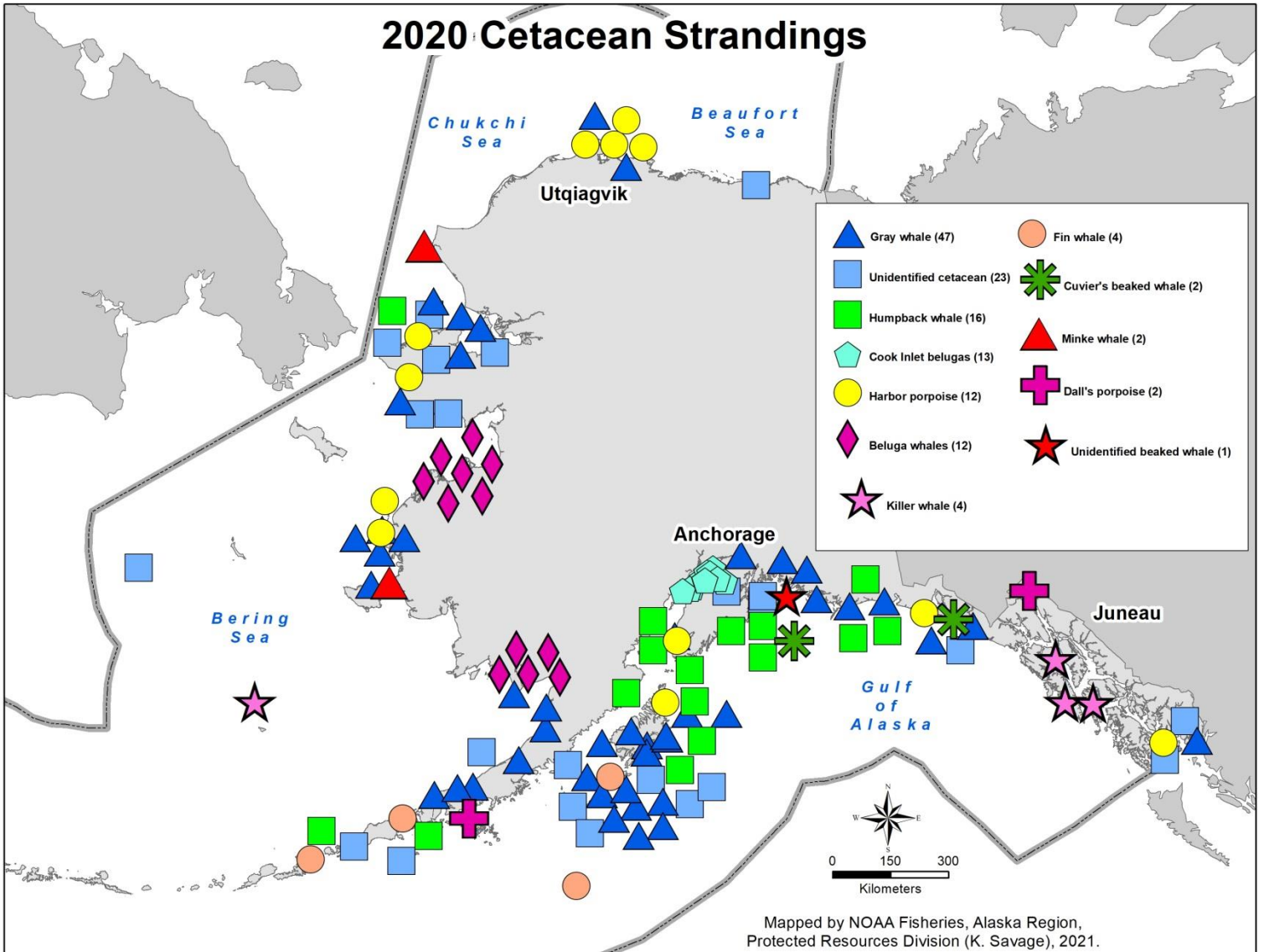
2020 Pinniped Strandings



2020 Ice Seal Strandings



2020 Cetacean Strandings



2020 Ice Seal UME

Stranding List

Month	#	NMFS ID	DATE	SPECIES	LOCATION	CONDITION	COMMENTS
2020 Ice Seal Stranding Reports (confirmed)							
1 = March	1	2020003	22-Mar	ringed	Kotzebue	alive/dead	sent to SLC, died during first night
1 = May	2	2020051	31-May	spotted	Kotzebue	dead	skin collected by NPS
15 = June	3	2020037	3-Jun	ringed	Nome	ALIVE	removed from beach, kept overnight, returned to beach
	4	2020039	6-Jun	spotted	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	5	2020143	7-Jun	unidentified	Nome	dead	advanced decomposition
	6	2020045	8-Jun	ringed	Unalakleet	dead	drowned in a fishing net
	7	2020057	12-Jun	spotted	Nome	dead	found in a dredge sluice
	8	2020053	15-Jun	unidentified	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	9	2020066	19-Jun	ringed	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	10	2020067	19-Jun	ringed	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	11	2020068	19-Jun	unidentified	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	12	2020069	19-Jun	ringed	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	13	2020145	23-Jun	spotted	Nome	dead	advanced decomposition
	14	2020073	24-Jun	bearded	Stebbins	dead	
	15	2020074	24-Jun	unidentified	Stebbins	dead	
	16	2020089	26-Jun	spotted	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
17	2020101	30-Jun	bearded	Nome	dead	fat seal, not emaciated; poor body condition	
8 = July	18	2020161	3-Jul	unidentified	Stebbins	dead	distant view
	19	2020162	3-Jul	unidentified	Stebbins	dead	distant view
	20	2020120	10-Jul	ringed	Kotzebue	dead	reported by Crowley Dock project (PSOs)
	21	2020121	10-Jul	spotted	Kotzebue	dead	reported by NPS beach walk
	22	2020147	11-Jul	bearded	Nome	dead	5 miles west of Nome; collected intestines, lung
	23	2020160	23-Jul	bearded	Gambell	dead	
	24	2020162	24-Jul	unidentified	Stebbins	dead	between Stebbins and Point Romanof
	25	2020156	27-Jul	bearded	Utiagvik	dead	floating
12 = August	26	2020169	5-Aug	unidentified	Kotzebue	dead	
	27	2020201	10-Aug	bearded	Kotlik	dead	
	28	2020180	12-Aug	ringed	Utqiagvik	dead	caught in subsistence fishing net
	29	2020177	17-Aug	ringed	Utqiagvik	dead	
	30	2020202	18-Aug	bearded	Kotlik	dead	
	31	2020203	18-Aug	bearded	Kotlik	dead	
	32	2020204	18-Aug	bearded	Kotlik	dead	
	33	2020186	19-Aug	bearded	Kotzebue	dead	reported by PSOs Crowley Dock
	34	2020249	20-Aug	spotted	Unalakleet	dead	reported 28 November 2020; body condition was skinny
	35	2020250	24-Aug	unidentified	Nome	dead	reported 28 November 2020; partial hide on the beach
	36	2020252	24-Aug	unidentified	Nome	dead	reported 28 November 2020; partial seal
37	2020194	30-Aug	unidentified	Cape Lisburne	dead	reported by PSOs; brown bear feeding on beached seal	
0 = Sep	-						
0 = Oct	-						
1 = Nov		2020254	12-Nov	spotted	Nome	dead	reported 28 November 2020; observed after large storm

2020 Ice Seal UME

Summary

2020 Ice Seal UME	
bearded	10
ringed	9
spotted	8
unident	11
TOTAL	38
	1 alive
	37 dead

2020 Ice Seal UME	
Chukchi Sea = 17	
Cape Lisburne	1
Kotzebue	13
Utqiagvik	3
Bering Strait = 12	
Gambell	1
Nome	9
Unalakleet	2
Norton Sound = 9	
Kotlik	4
Stebbins	5
TOTAL	38

Year	Beard	Ringed	Spotted	Unidentified	Total
2010-2017 Average number of seals					29
2018[^]	35	29	20	28	112
2019	49	36	23	57	165
2020	10	9	6	9	34
TOTAL*	94	74	49	94	311
[^] 1 June- 31 December 2018 [*] 1 June 2018 - 31 December 2020					