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## MEMORANDUM

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Reply to Ms. Lori Mazzuca  
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To: Ms. Lynne Barre  
NMFS Northwest Region

Subj: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF L112  
STRANDING INVESTIGATION

Ref: (a) Your letter of 16 Apr 2012

1. In response to your request for information that might support your investigation into the L112 stranding, we have reviewed Coast Guard operations and training exercises, as well as civilian activities, along the Oregon coast to as far north at Ledbetter Point, Washington, between 01 and 11 February 2012. We did not learn of any whale strikes or other impact to whales by Coast Guard assets or commercial vessels.
2. During that period, Coast Guard activities included search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation work, and training exercises. Small boats and cutters made over 100 voyages in the area and on the Columbia River. No major cutters transited the area. There were no reported whale strikes.
3. There were 116 large vessel (over 300 gross tons) movements that arrived or departed Sector Columbia River's area of responsibility, which encompasses the Oregon Coast north to Gray's Harbor, Washington. The Coast Guard received no reports of whale strikes for this region during the time in question. Additionally, we are not aware of any explosives being used in the area during that period.
4. If we may be of further assistance with this or any other matter, please contact my Marine Protected Species Program Manager, Ms. Lori Mazzuca, at the phone number above or email at [Lori.L.Mazzuca@uscg.mil](mailto:Lori.L.Mazzuca@uscg.mil).

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