

Beluga Whale Research Links

Congratulations! You have been selected by the Beluga Whale Alliance to study the history and background of a population of beluga whales. You'll look at past and current issues that affect belugas and their ecosystem. Your assignment is to create a public service announcement (PSA) that informs the public about your population of beluga whales, explains the issues and provides a recommendation to help your beluga population.

Use the Web sites recommended below for your assigned population of beluga whales to answer the questions on the Beluga Whale Research Question handout.

GENERAL INFORMATION

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Mammal Laboratory

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/education/cetaceans/beluga.php>

The Marine Mammal Center

<http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/learning/education/whales/beluga.asp>

American Cetacean Society

<http://www.acsonline.org/factpack/BelugaWhale.htm>

COOK INLET, ALASKA

NOAA Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/cetaceans/belugawhale.htm>

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

<http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/pubs/notebook/marine/beluga.php>

NOAA Fisheries, Cook Inlet Beluga Whales brochure

<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/beluga/cibrochure08.pdf>

NOAA article, "Cook Inlet Beluga Population Holds Steady From 2007; Scientists Remain Concerned"

http://www.noanews.noaa.gov/stories2008/20080930_belugawhale.html

Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society field-notes blog, "NOAA Takes Action to Help Beluga Recovery"

http://www.oceanfutures.org/of_blog-post.asp?ID=81

Ocean Conservancy

http://www.oceanconservancy.org/site/PageServer?pagename=fw_belugawhales

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ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, CANADA

Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures, "Beluga Whales" Web video

<http://www.pbs.org/kqed/oceanadventures/video/belugas>

Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures, "Beluga Whales Under Threat" article

<http://www.pbs.org/kqed/oceanadventures/episodes/seaghosts/indepth-belugas.html>

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/species/species_belugaStLawrence_e.asp

National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth

<http://www.pbs.org/strangedays/episodes/troubledwaters/experts/cocktails.html>

Canadian Biodiversity Project

<http://biology.mcgill.ca/undergra/c465a/biodiver/2000/beluga-whale/beluga-whale.htm>

Whales Online

<http://www.baleinesendirect.net/eng/FSC.html?sct=1&pag=1-3-2-3>

SOMERSET ISLAND, NUNAVUT, CANADA (CUMBERLAND SOUND)

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/species/species_belugaCumberland_e.asp

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especes/species/factsheet/factsheet_beluga_cumberland_e.asp

Canada Fisheries and Oceans Underwater World – Beluga

http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/zone/underwater_sous-marin/beluga/beluga-eng.htm

Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Futures Society (map of Somerset Island)

http://www.oceanfutures.org/of_blog-post.asp?ID=44