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Relevant Experience

Research Technician II- Kraus Marine Mammal Conservation Program

May 2023-present

New England Aquarium

- Enter sightings data and add images of right whales to those sightings
- Photo identification of individual right whales for accurate sighting information
- Coding of images, sightings and all behaviors exhibited
- Managing images and data for the New England Aquarium Right Whale Catalog
- Quality control of data and photo submissions, as well as data backups and importing into all relevant databases

Research Scientist- Right Whale Aerial Observer

December 2020-March 2023

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

- Documented and photographed North Atlantic right whales off the coasts of Georgia and Florida during the winter calving season
- Entered sightings data and photos for all whale sightings, as well as recorded data for weather conditions, fishing gear, vessel interaction and other wildlife encounters in Microsoft Access format
- Photo identification of individual right whales to ensure accurate sighting information
- Quality checked plane survey data to ensure high data quality and integrity, and backed up data to multiple external drives
- Entered and verified correct identifications for all right whale images, as well as identified all behaviors and photo frame numbers for submission table to be sent to New England Aquarium
- Imported all relevant sightings data and photos onto SEUS Google Drive
- Assisted in visual tracking and reporting of sick, injured or entangled whales and any response efforts that follow
- Photographed, observed, and recorded data on vessel-based surveys with Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Naturalist

March 2021-May 2023

New England Aquarium Whale Watch

- Collected data and photos of baleen whales, dolphins, and other marine life in the southern Gulf of Maine
- Entered information in Microsoft Excel formatted report for Center for Coastal Studies
- Photo identification of individual humpback whales for accurate reporting
- Uploaded whale photos to iMatch database and added all required input fields for photo description (species, individual whale name, body part, etc.)

- Communicated with the public while aboard whale watching vessels, narrated trips and presentations for passengers, as well as educated individually about the whales and their marine environment
- Wrote summary of each trip at conclusion of day for addition to company blog

Fisheries Observer

December 2018-December 2019

MRAG Americas/Fathom Resources

- Biologically sampled (weight, length, biopsies, sighting records etc.) fish, shellfish, marine mammals, turtles, and birds for National Marine Fisheries Service
- Digital photography of specific fish species and all incidental takes for proper documentation and analysis
- Electronic submission of sampling data, species photos, gear information and weather conditions
- Worked on a moving vessel for about 12 hours a day, up to two weeks at a time

Education

Bachelor of Science, Marine Affairs
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
Dean's List

May 2018

Skills and Certifications

- Proficient in using Microsoft Access and other Microsoft Office applications
- Level two vessel-based disentanglement training
- DSLR photography experience with whales from various moving platforms
- Protected Species Observer certified
- BOSIET safety certified
- Not prone to motion sickness

