

# Washington State Ferries

WhaleReport and WRAS Summary 2019-2020

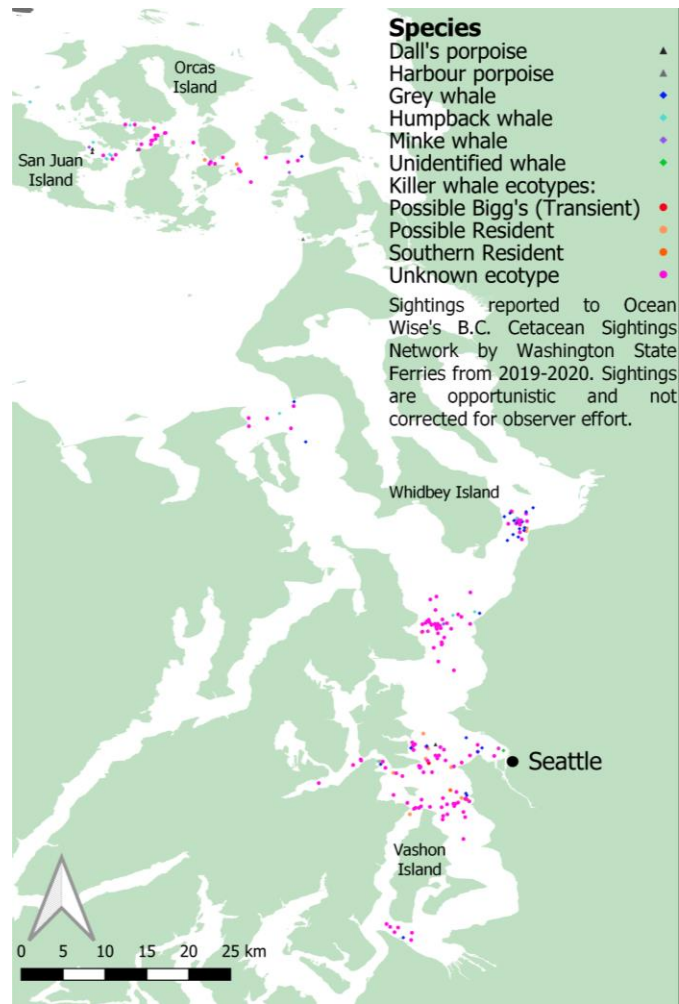


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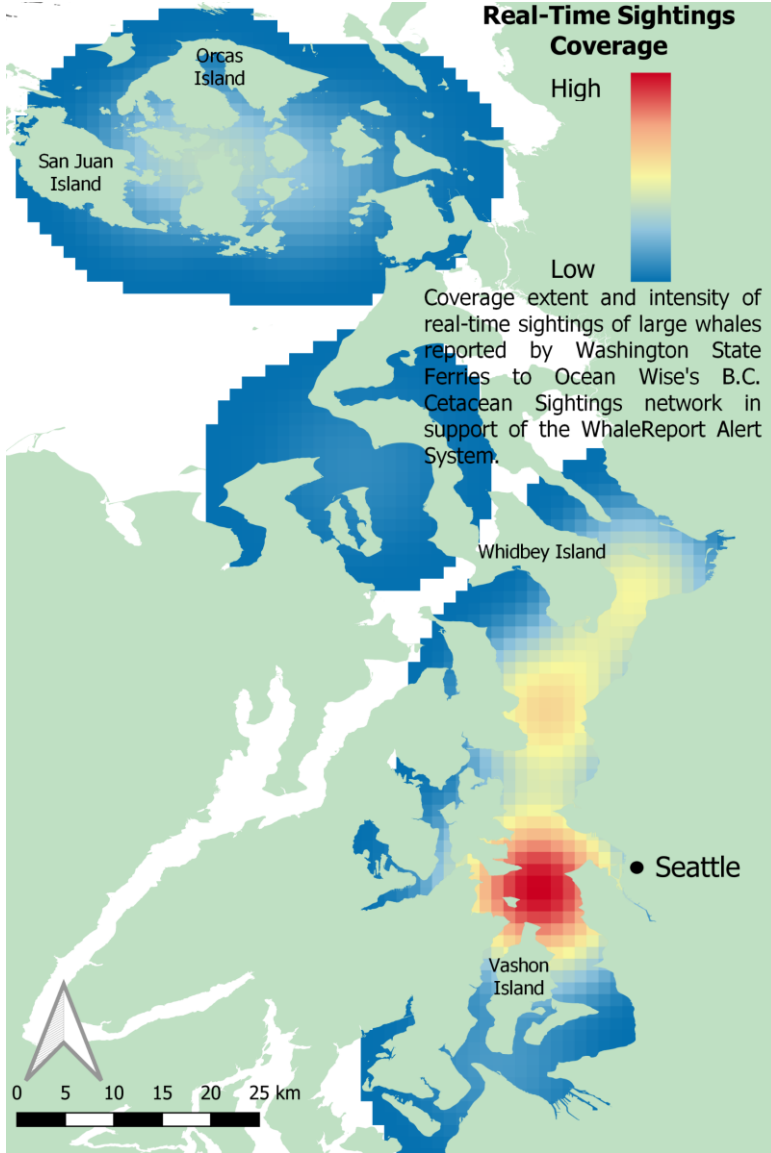
Despite a tough year that changed the day-to-day activities of all citizen scientists across the west coast, Ocean Wise's B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network received a total of 216 sighting reports from Washington State Ferries in 2020 and 2019.

## Sightings reported by Washington State Ferries from 2019-2020

Species	2019	2020	Total
Dall's Porpoise	3	0	3
Harbour Porpoise	1	1	2
Grey Whale	5	25	30
Humpback Whale	3	8	11
Minke Whale	1	6	7
Unidentified Whale	1	1	2
Killer Whales:			
Possible Bigg's (Transient)	0	1	1
Possible Resident	0	16	16
Southern Resident	0	3	3
Unknown Ecotype	41	101	142
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>216</b>

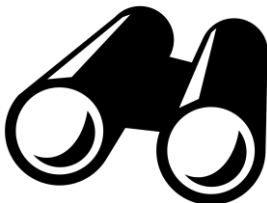


Washington State Ferries have been identified as one of our top whale reporters! Your reports have directly helped to protect whales!



Coverage extent and intensity of real-time sightings of large whales reported by Washington State Ferries to Ocean Wise's B.C. Cetacean Sightings network in support of the WhaleReport Alert System.

## Your sightings at work!



**157** real-time sighting reports using the WhaleReport app in 2019 and 2020

**338** alerts to mariners within 10 nautical miles of each sighting via the WhaleReport Alert System (WRAS).



**21** WRAS accounts are registered to WSF staff and crew members, as of April 21, 2021

### Introducing our new WhaleReport Web App!

With funding from the Government of Canada, we created a web version of our WhaleReport app! The new web app is available online [at wildwhales.org/sightings](https://wildwhales.org/sightings) and replaces our old webform. Unlike the webform, any real time sightings submitted via this new web app will generate a WRAS alerts to commercial mariners in the vicinity of the reported whale(s). The web app can also be shared on the websites of our partner organizations, creating an even stronger network of observers throughout the coast. For more details head to: <https://wildwhales.org/2021/03/31/the-whalereport-web-app-introducing-a-new-way-to-report-whale-sightings/>

Thank you to all the WSF crews and staff that participate in the WRAS project. We are incredibly grateful to those crew members out on the water and in the operations centre who take the time out of their day to report their sightings.