

Table 3. Summary of confirmed large whale vessel strike events along the Gulf of Mexico Coast, US East Coast and Atlantic Canadian Provinces, 2006-2010. Determinations of human-caused mortality and serious injury follow the criteria established by the NEFSC.

Species	Western North Atlantic right whale (<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>)	Gulf of Maine humpback whale (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>)	Western North Atlantic fin whale (<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>)	Nova Scotian sei whale (<i>B.borealis</i>)	Western North Atlantic blue whale (<i>B. musculus</i>)	Canadian East Coast minke whale (<i>B. acutorostrata</i>)	Northern Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale (<i>B. edeni</i>)	Unidentified fin/sei whale	Unidentified balaenopterid	Unidentified whale spp.	Totals
Confirmed vessel strike events (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)	13 (6, 1, 1, 3, 2)	21 (3, 5, 5, 4, 4)	8 (0, 3, 1, 1, 3)	3 (1, 1, 0, 1, 0)	0	2 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1)	1 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0)	0	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	9 (3, 2, 1, 2, 1)	58
Confirmed vessel strike mortalities	5 (4, 0, 0, 0, 1)	10 (3, 3, 1, 0, 3)	6 (0, 2, 1, 1, 2)	3 (1, 1, 0, 1, 0)	0	2 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1)	1 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0)	0	0	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	28
Confirmed vessel strike serious injuries	1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Confirmed vessel strike events, NOT serious injury/mortality	5 (1, 1, 0, 2, 1)	11^a (0, 2, 4, 4, 1)	2 (0, 1, 0, 0, 1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Confirmed vessel strike events, IITD ^b	2^a (0, 0, 1, 1, 0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 (2, 2, 1, 2, 0)	9
Mortality with evidence of vessel strike, but not confirmed as COD ^c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 1)	1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	2

^a This value includes one event where evidence of both recent entanglement and vessel strike was present, but entanglement was determined to be the primary cause of injury.

^b IITD = insufficient information to determine cause of death or if the injury was serious and likely lethal.

^c COD = cause of death