Supplemental Material

Acoustic and visual cetacean surveys reveal year-round spatial and temporal distributions for multiple species in northern British Columbia, Canada

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1 Passive Acoustic Monitoring

1.1 Cetacean call detections and validation

Information regarding cetacean species that frequent the waters of Gwaii Haanas, their status under the Species at Risk Act (SARA) and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and their sounds targeted by the manual and automated analysis are provided in Table S1.

| Species                  | Designation                                         | Vocalization types                                | Reference |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Blue whale               | Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA)                         | A and B vocalizations                             | 1         |
| Fin whale                | Threatened (COSEWIC, SARA)                         | 20 Hz and down-sweeps (40 Hz)                     | 2         |
| Sei whale                | Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA)                         | Audible down-sweeps                              | 3         |
| Minke whale              | Not at risk                                         | Boings                                           | 4         |
| Humpback whale           | Special concern (COSEWIC) Threatened (SARA)       | All vocalizations                                | 5,6       |
| Right whale              | Endangered (COSEWIC, SARA)                         | Up calls                                         | 7         |
| Gray whale               | Special concern (COSEWIC, SARA)                   | All vocalizations                                | 8         |
| Killer whale             | Northern resident ( Threatened: COSEWIC, SARA)    | Whistles and clicks                              | 9,10      |
| Sperm whale              | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 11        |
| Short-beaked Common dolphin sp. | Not at risk                                    | Clicks                                           | 12        |
| Long-beaked common dolphin | Not at risk                                        | Clicks                                           | 12        |
| Risso’s dolphin          | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 13        |
| Northern right whale dolphin | Not at risk                                    | Clicks                                           | 14        |
| Pacific white-sided dolphin | Not at risk                                     | Tonsals and clicks                               | 13        |
| Short-finned pilot whales | Not at risk                                        | Clicks and whistles                              | 15-17     |
| False killer whale       | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 15        |
| Baird’s beaked whale     | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 18,19     |
| Stejneger’s beaked whale | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 18        |
| Blainville’s beaked whale| Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 18        |
| Cuvier’s beaked whale    | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 18,20     |
| Hubb’s beaked whale      | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 21        |
| Dwarf sperm whale        | Data deficient                                      | Clicks                                           | 22        |
| Pygmy sperm whale        | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 22        |
| Harbour porpoise         | Special concern (COSEWIC, SARA)                   | Clicks                                           | 23,24     |
| Dall’s porpoise          | Not at risk                                         | Clicks                                           | 23        |

Northeast Pacific blue whales produce low-frequency, high-intensity calls, including A and B calls, which are 15–20 s long, often form sequences called songs, and are suspected to be only produced by males 1.
Blue whales also produce D calls that are shorter than the A and B calls (<5 s), have sharp sweep rates between 95 Hz and 45 Hz, and are produced by both males and females. Fin whale vocalizations most often consist of long, patterned sequences of 20 Hz notes, but also of less frequent downsweeps in the higher frequency range. Humpback whales produce famous “songs” as well as other vocalizations and percussive sounds, referred to as “social sounds.” In BC, humpback whale tonal bubble feeding calls have also been documented. Gray whales produce a variety of calls, including pulses and bonging signals, low-frequency moans, grunts, and subsurface exhalations, concentrated below 1500 Hz. While most studies on gray whale sounds have been conducted in calving/breeding lagoons, recent studies showed that gray whales are also highly soniferous off BC while migrating. Echolocation signals from beaked whales are mostly frequency-modulated upsweep pulses, which appear to be species-specific and distinguishable by their spectral and temporal features. Cuvier’s beaked whales produce clicks with a centroid frequency of ~40 kHz that often had a characteristic C-shaped contour. Clicks believed to be produce by Baird’s beaked whales were sloped (characteristic of beaked whale clicks) with a centroid frequency of 20–28 kHz and an inter-click interval of 0.2–0.3 s. Dall’s and harbor porpoises, as well as dwarf sperm whales, produce clicks in the peak frequency range between 119–143 kHz, making it more difficult to distinguish their calls by species. Pacific white-sided dolphin clicks have amplitude maxima at frequencies of 22.2, 26.6, 33.7 and 37.3 kHz, with distinctive low amplitude notches or valleys at 19.0, 24.5 and 29.7 kHz.

Automated analysis consisted of running three different types of detectors to identify cetacean calls based on known acoustic characteristics of calls by species or group of species. Blue, fin, and minke whales were detected using a spectrogram correlation approach based on time-frequency masks corresponding to the calls found in the North Pacific. The detector was configured to detect blue whale A, B and D calls, fin whale 20Hz pulses and 40 Hz downsweeps, and minke whale bonging sounds. Humpback and killer whales were detected using the random forest-based classification approach described in and . Whistles and clicks from other odontocetes were detected using the general purpose contour detector described in .

Manual analysis was performed in two ways. The first approach consisted of performing a 2.5% systematic manual analysis for all deployments and each channel (Supplementary Table 2). The systematic review resulted in 36 min per day (2.5% of mins in a day) being reviewed for each data set. The analysts visually and aurally examined each selected recording snippet using spectrograms created in the PAMlab software (JASCO Applied Sciences). Annotations were created to indicate marine mammal presence in each snippet. A lack of annotations was indicative of species absence within the detection range or species not vocalizing. The second manual analysis approach, described in , was a manual review focused on the 1% of acoustic data files that had automatic marine mammal detections. All files selected for manual validation were reviewed aurally and visually using spectrograms in PAMlab. This second approach was specifically used to optimize the parameters of the automatic detectors (i.e., confidence thresholds and minimum number of detections accepted per file), and to calculate their performance for each location and time period. Although the detectors classify each specific signal, we only validated the presence or absence of species at the file level (one file corresponding to acoustic data recorded from one channel and one duty cycle, see Table 1). Presence of a species was defined by the presence of one or more detections for that species in a file. Acoustic signals were only assigned to a species if an analyst was confident enough in their assessment. In addition to the 1% of files selected for validation, every automated detection of minke,
killer, and right whale was manually reviewed. All automated detections of blue and fin whale were also manually verified between 1 Mar and 1 Aug to confirm their daily presence.

**Table S2.** Sampling protocol used for the systematic analysis.

| Location                        | Channel (kHz)     | Recording snippet duration (s) | File selected for analysis |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gowgaia Slope (2017 & 2018)     | 16 kHz channel    | 90                            | Every fourth              |
|                                 | 250 kHz channel   | 45                            | Every second              |
| Ramsay Island (2018)            | 96 kHz channel    | 90                            | Every file                |
| SGang Gwaay (2009 & 2010)       | 16,384 Hz channel | 90                            | Every second              |

Performance of the detectors was quantified using the precision (P) and recall (R) metrics defined by:

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P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (S1), \quad R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (S2)
\]

where TP is the number of true positives, FP the number of false positives, and FN the number of false negatives, calculated based on the presence/absence of species for each file reviewed with the second manual analysis approach. We calculated P and R for each species and each deployment.

Where the number of validated files was too low, and/or the overlap between manual and automated detections was too limited to calculate P and R, and/or when P < 0.75, automated detections were ignored and only validated results were used to describe the acoustic occurrence of a species (Table S3).
Table S3. Final performance of the automated detector for each species, location and year

| Species                  | Location       | Year (deployment) | Precision | Recall |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| Blue whale               | SGang Gwaay    | 2009              | NA        | NA     |
|                          |                | 2010              | 1         | 0.35   |
|                          | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.93      | 0.62   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 1         | 0.49   |
| Fin whale                | SGang Gwaay    | 2009              | NA        | NA     |
|                          |                | 2010              | 0.85      | 0.68   |
|                          | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.90      | 0.90   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.86      | 0.75   |
|                          | Ramsay Island  | 2018              | 1         | 0.84   |
| Humpback whale           | SGang Gwaay    | 2009              | 0.95      | 0.83   |
|                          |                | 2010              | 0.97      | 0.85   |
|                          | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.79      | 0.81   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.91      | 0.76   |
|                          | Ramsay Island  | 2018              | 0.75      | 0.75   |
| Killer whale             | SGang Gwaay    | 2009              | NA        | NA     |
|                          |                | 2010              | 0.56      | 0.75   |
|                          | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.97      | 0.97   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.71      | 0.96   |
|                          | Ramsay Island  | 2018              | 1         | 0.75   |
| Sperm whale              | SGang Gwaay    | 2009              | NA        | NA     |
|                          |                | 2010              | NA        | NA     |
|                          | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.81      | 0.43   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.82      | 0.34   |
| Porpoises                | Gowgaia Shelf  | 2017              | 0.98      | 0.97   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.98      | 0.97   |
| Delphinid clicks         | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.91      | 0.91   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.89      | 0.86   |
|                          | Ramsay Island  | 2018              | 1         | 0.79   |
| Delphinid whistles       | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 1         | 0.33   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 1         | 0.14   |
|                          | Ramsay Island  | 2018              | 0.95      | 0.90   |
| Baird’s beaked whales    | Gowgaia Slope  | 2017              | 0.95      | 0.83   |
|                          |                | 2018              | 0.48      | 0.70   |

NA: Not Applicable
2 Acoustic Detection ranges

2.1 Source Level Estimation

Each whale species produces vocalizations in different frequency bands and at different source levels. Table S4 lists the vocalization types, source level values, and frequency bands for each species of interest for this study based on a review of the scientific literature. The source levels of each species were represented in the Monte Carlo simulation by sampling respective Gaussian distributions with the means and standard deviations defined in Table S4 (see also Figure S1).

**Table S4.** Source levels and frequency bands of the vocalizations used in the Monte Carlo simulation to estimate the detection range of the species of interest.

| Species                        | Vocalization type | Source level* (dB re 1 μPa) | Minimum frequency (Hz) | Maximum frequency (Hz) | Width of detection frequency bands (Hz) | Reference |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Killer whales (northern residents) | Stereotyped pulsed vocalizations | 152.6 ±5.9 | 1000 | 7900 | 300 | 41 |
| Fin whales                      | 20 Hz pulse       | 189 ± 5.8 | 15 | 30 | 15 | 42 |
| Blue whales                     | B song-note       | 186 ± 2** | 10 | 110 | 10 | 26 |
| Humpback whales                 | Songs (unit E-whale L2) | 160 ±4 | 50 | 9050 | 300 | 26 |
| Gray whales                     | Moans (M3)        | 156.9 ±11.4 | 50 | 150 | 50 | 44 |
| Sperm whales                    | Clicks-off-axis (Alaska) | 186 ± 0.9 | 2000 | 14000 | 2000 | 45 |
| Pacific white-sided dolphins    | Whistles          | 138 ±8† | 3000 | 14100 | 300 | 46 |

* Broadband source levels.
** The standard deviation was not provided in the literature for that species. We arbitrarily used a standard deviation of 2 dB re 1 μPa to allow some variations of source levels in the Monte Carlo simulation.
† There is currently no literature reporting source levels of that species. Source levels for bottlenose dolphin and Atlantic spotted dolphin whistles were used as surrogates.

The intensity of a vocalization is not always uniformly distributed across frequency bands; some frequency bands may have higher intensity than others. When available, this type of information is important to consider for estimating the vocalization detection range because different frequencies are attenuated and masked differently in the ocean. Unfortunately, this information is rarely found in the scientific literature, and most often only broadband source levels are reported. For this study, we derived energy distribution information for killer whale and blue whale vocalizations. Based on measurements performed at DFO’s Whale Tracking Network hydrophone at Tilly Point, BC, the energy from killer whale pulsed vocalizations increases linearly at 3.7798 dB per 300 Hz band from 1000 to 1900 Hz and decreases at −1.12832 dB per 300 Hz band higher than 1900 Hz. The source levels of killer whale vocalizations in the Monte Carlo simulation followed this frequency distribution. For the blue whale B song-note, McDonald, et al. reported that the source level of the third harmonic (i.e., 50 Hz tone) is on average 10.3 dB lower than the fundamental (i.e., 16.5 Hz tone). Given that for blue whales the detection range modelling was performed in 10 Hz bands (Table S4), the broadband source level values of their vocalizations in the Monte Carlo simulation were distributed to have a slope of −2.575 dB per 10 Hz band. For all the other species, the source levels used in the Monte Carlo simulation were considered uniformly distributed across the frequency bands defined in Table S4.
2.2 Vocalization Depth

Propagation loss is depth dependent, so the depth at which an animal vocalizes can greatly influence the maximum distance at which its vocalization can be detected. The Monte Carlo simulation randomly selected the vocalizing animal depth from a distribution covering the typical depth range for the whale’s vocalization of interest. Depth models were defined by reviewing vocalization depth data from the scientific literature for each species of interest and representing these data using log-logistic, Gaussian, or Uniform distributions. When raw depth data were available, the parameters of the distributions were fitted using Maximum Likelihood. Otherwise, the distribution parameters were approximated using the information available from the literature. When the information was available, the model represented the depths at which the vocalizations are produced. If such information was unavailable, the model represented the depths at which the whales were distributed (but not necessarily vocalizing). For killer whales, the depth model was based on unpublished tag data collected by Brianna Wright from DFO and was used in a previous study for DFO by 47. We did not find information in the literature about the depth distribution of white-sided dolphins, so we used the same model as killer whales for that species. Sperm whales were considered uniformly distributed from 10 to 500 metres (Figure S2).
2.3 Propagation Loss Modelling

Propagation loss was modelled along four radials (Table S5) in different directions at Ramsay Island and Gowgaia Slope (Figure S3) to sample the propagation loss characteristics as a function of range and azimuth. The Bellhop Ray Tracing Model was used to calculate propagation loss for frequency bands with components above 1.0 kHz. The model accounts for absorption in seawater, which can be important at the high frequencies considered in this study. Propagation loss for low frequencies (<1.0 kHz) was modelled with the Range-dependent Acoustic Model (RAM). Both models take as input the sound source location and depth, geoacoustic parameters of the ocean bottom, sound speed profiles for the water column, and a profile of the bathymetry along the modelled radials. Propagation losses were calculated at three frequencies within each 300 Hz band and then averaged to provide a propagation loss estimate for each frequency band of killer whales, humpback whales, sperm whales, and Pacific white-sided dolphins. In the frequency bands of fin, gray, and blue whales, propagation losses were calculated every 1 Hz.

All resulting propagation loss values were plotted as a function of range, and the data were fit with an equation of the form:

$$PL(f,z)=A(f,z)-n(f,z)\log R+\alpha(f,z)(R/1000),$$  \hspace{1cm} (S1)

for frequency (f) in Hertz, depth (z) in metres, and range (R) in metres. The $$\alpha(f,z)$$ term in Equation S1 accounts for volume absorption in decibels per kilometer and is only used for curve fitting at the higher frequencies of killer whales, sperm whales, pacific white-sided dolphins, and part of the humpback whales. The resulting PL values were used in the Monte Carlo simulation for the corresponding depths and frequency bands.
Table S5. End point of the radials at each model location.

| Location       | Radial number | End point          |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                |               | Latitude (°) | Longitude (°) | Easting | Northing |
| Gowgaia Slope  | 1             | 49.58477      | -128.15054     | 561400.53 | 5492811.41 |
|                | 2             | 48.80029      | -131.71308     | 300775.87 | 5408805.98  |
|                | 3             | 51.63034      | -137.41957     | 332542.06 | 5722698.33  |
|                | 4             | 55.08089      | -135.74876     | 452200.06 | 6104050.06  |
| Ramsay Island  | 1             | 52.5921       | -131.6670      | 319351.08 | 5830237.30  |
|                | 2             | 53.1072       | -129.8448      | 443445.87 | 5884529.10  |
|                | 3             | 52.5238       | -129.4891      | 466816.04 | 5819411.70  |
|                | 4             | 51.7036       | -128.2987      | 548461.27 | 5728305.30  |

Figure S3. Location of the radials (green lines) used for estimating the detection range of whale and dolphin vocalizations at (left) Gowgaia Slope and (right) Ramsay Island. Map on the left: Coloured triangles show the locations of the sound speed profiles extracted from GDEM used for the propagation loss modelling. Red squares show the locations of the sound speed profiles extracted from GDEM used for the propagation loss modelling; green circles show the locations of the sound speed profiles extracted from CTD. Maps were created using ArcGIS v. 10.3.1.
2.3.1 Bathymetry

Water depths throughout the modelled locations were obtained from the ETOPO2 database with a 2-minute resolution. Bathymetry values were extracted and re-gridded onto a Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 9 coordinate projection with a regular grid spacing of 10 m.

2.3.2 Geoacoustics

The geoacoustic parameters of sediments are compressional or P-wave speed, shear or S-wave speed, density, P-wave attenuation, and S-wave attenuation. These parameters were derived for use in a previous noise mapping study from data from two sources:

- Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) surficial sediment point sampling data.
- BC Marine Ecological Classification (BCMEC) polygon data.

Geoacoustic models were derived from bottom classification based on grain size.

2.3.3 Sound Speed Profile

For the Gowgaia Slope location, no conductivity, temperature and salinity (CTD) measurements were available, so summer water column sound speed profiles were computed from salinity and temperature profiles obtained from the Generalized Digital Environment Model (GDEM) version 3.0 in August (summer). In summer, heating of the surface results in a surface thermocline leading to higher surface sound speeds and downward acoustic refraction. For the propagation loss modelling, each radial was characterized by eight sound speed profiles (one every 50 km).

At the Ramsay Island location, water column sound speed profiles for summer were computed from conductivity, temperature, and salinity (CTD) measurements from the study area in August 2018. Sound speed profiles were calculated using the Del Grosso equation reformulated by Wong and Zhu for the 1990 International Temperature Scale. In summer, heating the surface results in a downward refracting sound profile.

2.4 Detection range results

The detection range probabilities at Gowgaia Slope for blue whale B-song notes, fin whale 20 Hz pulses, humpback whale songs, killer whale pulsed vocalizations, and sperm whale off-axis clicks are summarized in Table S6.

The detection range probabilities at Ramsay Island for gray whale moans, fin whale 20 Hz pulses, humpback whale songs, killer whale pulsed vocalizations, and for Pacific white-sided dolphin whistles are summarized in Table S7.
**Table S6.** Median detection range (in metres) along each radial of Gowgaia slope for Probability of Detection, \( P \), of 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9.

| Species         | Radial | Summer detection ranges (m) | \( P = 0.1 \) | \( P = 0.5 \) | \( P = 0.9 \) |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Blue whale      | 1      | 33,600                      | 28,300        | 22,200        |               |
|                 | 2      | 54,500                      | 42,800        | 33,600        |               |
|                 | 3      | 56,500                      | 44,300        | 33,600        |               |
|                 | 4      | 58,500                      | 49,200        | 41,300        |               |
| Fin whale       | 1      | 24,600                      | 22,200        | 18,000        |               |
|                 | 2      | 67,100                      | 52,700        | 34,800        |               |
|                 | 3      | 85,600                      | 62,700        | 38,600        |               |
|                 | 4      | 56,500                      | 49,200        | 38,600        |               |
| Humpback whale  | 1      | 21,400                      | 8,400         | 5,900         |               |
|                 | 2      | 18,600                      | 6,200         | 3,800         |               |
|                 | 3      | 17,400                      | 5,400         | 3,100         |               |
|                 | 4      | 24,600                      | 7,600         | 4,500         |               |
| Killer whale    | 1      | 24,600                      | 1,600         | 500           |               |
|                 | 2      | 12,300                      | 1,200         | 300           |               |
|                 | 3      | 9,300                       | 1,200         | 500           |               |
|                 | 4      | 11,100                      | 1,000         | 300           |               |
| Sperm whale     | 1      | 144000                      | 80000         | 56000         |               |
|                 | 2      | 74000                       | 43000         | 32000         |               |
|                 | 3      | 72000                       | 40000         | 28000         |               |
|                 | 4      | 102000                      | 57000         | 41000         |               |
Table S7. Median detection range (in metres) along each radial of Ramsay Island for Probability of Detection, $P$, of 0.1, 0.5, and 0.9.

| Species               | Radial | Summer detection ranges (m) |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
|                       |        | $P = 0.1$ | $P = 0.5$ | $P = 0.9$ |
| Gray whale            |        |            |            |
|                       | 1      | 21700      | 21700      | 21700     |
|                       | 2      | 116900     | 116900     | 39800     |
|                       | 3      | 129700     | 129700     | 51000     |
|                       | 4      | 225600     | 225600     | 52700     |
| Fin whale             |        |            |            |
|                       | 1      | 21700      | 21700      | 21700     |
|                       | 2      | 116900     | 116900     | 21400     |
|                       | 3      | 129700     | 129700     | 47500     |
|                       | 4      | 225600     | 225600     | 125200    |
| Humpback whale        |        |            |            |
|                       | 1      | 21700      | 17100      | 5150      |
|                       | 2      | 40100      | 15900      | 5300      |
|                       | 3      | 55500      | 12700      | 2600      |
|                       | 4      | 71800      | 15200      | 2800      |
| Killer whale          |        |            |            |
|                       | 1      | 11700      | 5200       | 1600      |
|                       | 2      | 28800      | 12000      | 3300      |
|                       | 3      | 8500       | 2700       | 500       |
|                       | 4      | 6800       | 800        | 50        |
| Pacific white-sided dolphin | | | | |
|                       | 1      | 1300       | 1100       | 600       |
|                       | 2      | 2400       | 1600       | 900       |
|                       | 3      | 800        | 600        | 300       |
|                       | 4      | 500        | 400        | 200       |
3  Diel patterns

Figure S4. A) Diel pattern of humpback calls combined across all recording stations during winter months (November 1 to February 28). B) Diel pattern of killer whale calls combined across all recording stations and all recording periods. C) Diel pattern of delphinid whistles recorded at Ramsay Island. D) Diel pattern of delphinid clicks recorded at Ramsay Island. Vertical bars represent the percentage of time bins that have calls present in each 1 h time bin. Horizontal bars indicate periods of daylight (white), periods of darkness (dark gray), and periods of daylight or darkness depending on the time of recording (light gray).
4 Comparison of acoustic and visual cetaceans detections

Table S8. Summary of the number of confirmed and likely sightings of cetacean groups from 2009 and 2010 visual surveys in the area of the SGang Gwaay hydrophone, and cetacean acoustic presence over the same time period in 2010. Groups of cetaceans vary in size and these numbers do not represent estimates of abundance.

| Cetacean species | SGang Gwaay Visual Surveys July/August 2009 & July 2010 | SGang Gwaay PAM* July/August 2010 |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fin whale        | 17 confirmed; 4 likely                                  | Present                          |
| Humpback whale   | 43 confirmed; 8 likely                                  | Present                          |
| Sei whale        | 1 likely                                               | None detected                    |
| Sperm whale      | 14 confirmed                                           | Present                          |
| Baird’s beaked whale | 3 confirmed                                  | Outside recorder frequency range |
| Killer whale     | 2 confirmed                                           | Present                          |
| Dall’s porpoise  | 35 confirmed                                          | Outside recorder frequency range |
| Pacific white-side dolphin | 3 confirmed                              | Outside recorder frequency range |

*Note the 2009 recordings started in September, and 2010 recordings overlapped only three days of visual surveys (15-17 July 2010); thus, 2009 and 2010 visual surveys were included assuming that the species acoustically detected in 2010 might also be recorded in 2009 if the recording period had started in July.

Table S9. Summary of the number of confirmed and likely cetacean sightings from 2018 visual surveys and cetacean acoustic presence in the area of the Ramsay Island hydrophone in the months immediately following the visual survey.

| Cetacean species | Ramsay Island Visual Survey August 2018 | Ramsay Island PAM* August 2018 |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fin whale        | 6 confirmed                             | Present (Aug)                  |
| Humpback whale   | 9 confirmed                             | Present (Oct)                  |
| Minke whale      | 7 confirmed                             | None detected                  |
| Killer whale     | 2 confirmed                             | Present (Sep)                  |
| Dall’s porpoise  | 8 confirmed                             | Outside recorder frequency range |
| Pacific white-side dolphin | 1 confirmed                        | Potentially part of delphinid clicks |
| Risso’s dolphin  | 1 confirmed                             | Potentially part of delphinid clicks |

*Note the 2018 hydrophone did not get deployed until after the visual surveys were completed.

Table S10. Summary of the number of confirmed and likely cetacean sightings from 2018 visual surveys and cetacean acoustic presence in the area of the GS hydrophone over the same time period in 2018.

| Cetacean species | Gowgaia Slope Visual Survey July 2018 | Gowgaia Slope PAM July 2018 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Blue whale       | None observed                          | Present                     |
| Fin whale        | 9 confirmed                            | Present                     |
| Humpback whale   | 49 confirmed                           | Present                     |
| Sperm whale      | 2 confirmed                            | Present                     |
| Baird’s beaked whale | None observed                  | Present (late June)         |
| Killer whale     | None observed                          | Present                     |
| Dall’s porpoise  | 1 confirmed                            | Potentially part of porpoise clicks |
| Pacific white-side dolphin | 1 confirmed                        | Potentially part of delphinid clicks |
### Table S11. Summary of the number of confirmed and likely cetacean sightings from visual surveys and cetacean acoustic presence in the area of the Gowgaia Slope hydrophone over the same time period in 2019.

| Cetacean species or group | Gowgaia Slope Visual Surveys July 2019 | Gowgaia Slope PAM July 2019 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fin whale                 | 7 confirmed                            | None detected              |
| Humpback whale            | 35 confirmed                           | Present                    |
| Sperm whale               | 2 confirmed                            | Present                    |
| Baird’s beaked whale      | None observed                          | Present                    |
| Killer whale              | None observed                          | Present                    |
| Dall’s porpoise           | 1 confirmed                            | Potentially part of porpoise clicks |
| Pacific white-side dolphin| None observed                          | Potentially part of delphinid clicks |

*Note the hydrophone stopped recording early July at the same time that the visual survey was completed.*
5 Environmental parameters

**Figure S5.** Results of the GAMM analysis for the correlation between sea surface temperature (SST), chlorophyll a (chla) and acoustic recorder locations and blue whale acoustic presence.

**Figure S6.** Results of the GAMM analysis for the correlation between sea surface temperature (SST), chlorophyll a (chla) and acoustic recorder locations and fin whale acoustic presence.
Figure S7. Results of the GAMM analysis for the correlation between sea surface temperature (SST), chlorophyll a (chla) and acoustic recorder locations and humpback whale acoustic presence.

Figure S8. Results of the GAMM analysis for the correlation between sea surface temperature (SST), chlorophyll a (chla) and acoustic recorder locations and sperm whale acoustic presence.
Figure S9. Results of the GAMM analysis for the correlation between sea surface temperature (SST) and chlorophyll a (chla) and Baird’s beaked whale acoustic presence.
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