

Finback whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*)

Description:

Extremely large, dark whale with a falcate dorsal fin approximately 2/3 down the back. Asymmetrical white jaw line only on the right side. Light colored swirling pattern that extends from the eye up toward the dorsal fin (more noticeable on the right side). Single ridge from the snout to the blowholes.

Status: Endangered under the ESA and Depleted under the MMPA.

Length: 18 - 22 m (59 - 73 feet)

Weight: 40 - 80 tons

Western North Atlantic Population: >3,000

Life Span: 80-90 years

Prey: sandlance, herring, mackerel, other small schooling fish, krill

Can be Confused With: minke, sei or blue whales



Recognizing Fin Whales

