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Abstract:

In this report, we document the incidental capture of a harbor porpoise in a pelagic drift net off the coast off North Carolina, during winter. The record is significant for two reasons. First, it is the southernmost incidental capture of a harbor porpoise in the northwest Atlantic. Second, observations of the stomach contents of this specimen suggest that the ecology of this population may be quite different in winter than in summer months. The porpoise was captured on 25 February 1993, 75 km east of Nag's Head, North Carolina, at 35 degree 55'N and 74 degree 47'W, in water 229-293 m deep.