

# Interim Whale Survey Instructions

To satisfy the 3 float exemption until the new app arrives, you need to record survey transects and report them to DPIRD.



## Start a survey

After fishing, text a photograph of your plotter (current position), LFB and destination port to [whale.tag@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:whale.tag@dpird.wa.gov.au)



## See whales?

Report a sighting by texting another photo of plotter (for position) along with description e.g. "4 whales"



## Arrive in port

That's it.

## FAQs

### Q: Why cant we just report whale sightings?

A: By recording a survey transect you are not only reporting where whales are but where they are not.

### Q: Who do I text this too?

A: [whale.tag@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:whale.tag@dpird.wa.gov.au) this can be typed straight into text message address bar like a phone number.

### Q: How long do I have to do this for?

A: Not long, a new app is in production and should be ready before the peak of whale migration.

### Q: Isn't this data biased as its dependent on how hard we are looking, seas state or skippers eyesight?

A: Acknowledging its limitations, dataset will be used in conjunction with other datasets to help inform the total picture.

