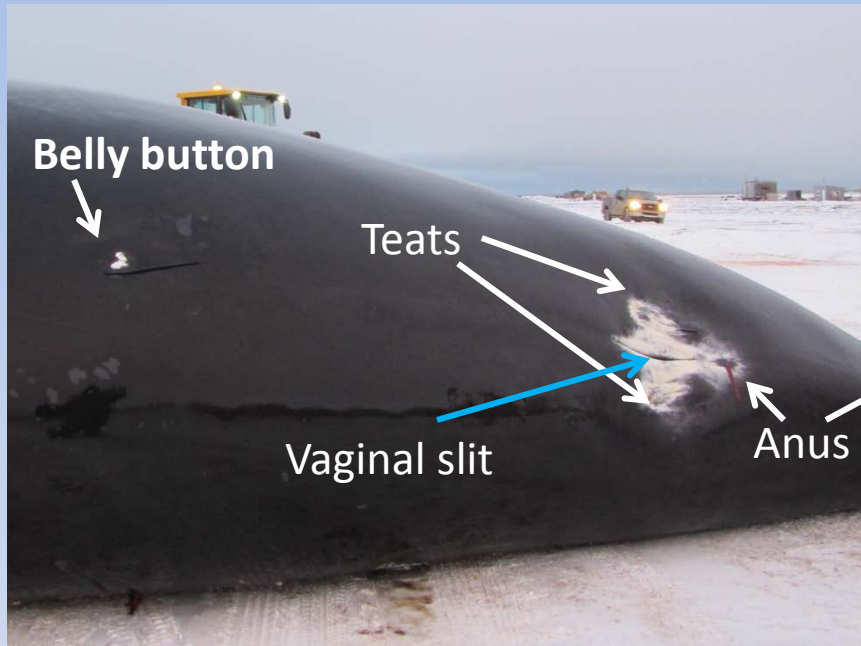


How to Determine the Sex of a Bowhead Whale

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Female:

- Slit is short, about 1 foot
- Has large teats on both sides of vaginal slit
- Slit is near anus

Male:

- Slit is long, up to 6 feet
- End of slit near belly button
- Many males have very small teats towards back end of slit (towards fluke)