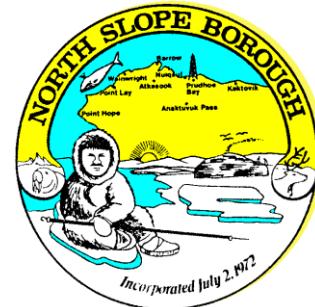


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Map 31

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Greetings,

This will be the final map sent out for seals tagged in 2014. As of May 28, 2015 the last head mounted SPLASH tag stopped transmitting. This tag was attached to **spotted seal #6**, a large adult male.

Though we have no way of knowing why tags stop transmitting, it is very likely that this tag fell off as the seal underwent its annual molt. Flipper mounted SPOT tags should provide more insights into the status and movements of these seals and can transmit for quite some time. However, because tags must be out of the water to transmit (i.e. the seal must be hauled out), it may take a while before we see data from the flipper tags.

The maps on the next page show the extent that these seals travelled during 2014-15 season. A complete archive of all 2014-15 maps can be found at:

www.north-slope.org/departments/wildlife-management/studies-and-research-projects/ice-seals/ringed-seal-research/ringed-seal-research-results-2014

We are about to begin seal capture/tagging efforts for 2015, and new maps will be sent out as we tag seals.

Thank you to all who followed along and who provided feedback. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Best regards,

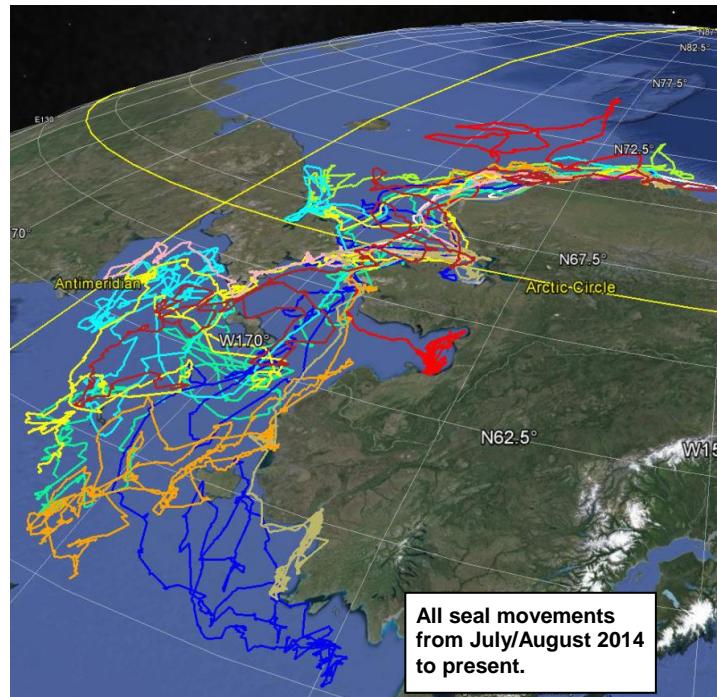
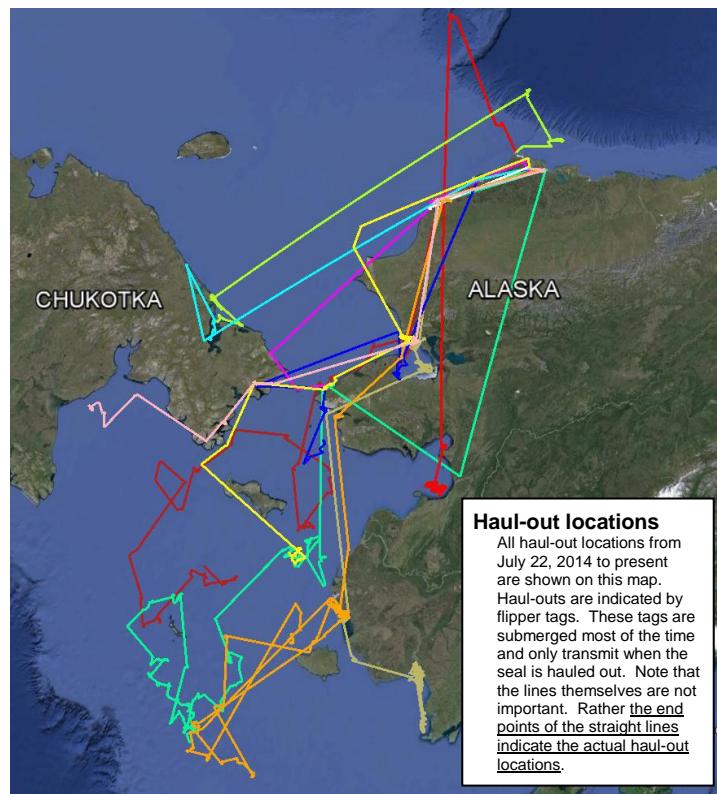
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