



## Downeast LNG Information Bulletin

### Whale Watching and LNG

Downeast LNG has heard concerns expressed by the whale watching community about the potential for LNG ships to interfere with popular whale watching tours in the region. We hope that providing information about our operations will help alleviate some of these concerns.

Downeast LNG believes there will be no impact on whale watching activities for several reasons.

- First, your busy time is our slow season. During the summer months when whale watching expeditions head out daily, Downeast LNG shipments are expected to arrive only once every 10 days. This is a far less common occurrence than is currently perceived.
- Downeast LNG will provide 4 days notice in advance of LNG ship arrivals.
- Most importantly, the Downeast LNG ship will transit through the local area efficiently, meaning it will take 20-30 minutes, not hours, to pass through any given area. The exclusion zone around an LNG ship travels with the ship – it is not imposed on an area indefinitely.
- Whale watching expeditions will not be prohibited from operating when Downeast LNG shipments are transiting. LNG ships commonly share open water with commercial fishing boats and other tour boats. We are working on these arrangements now and would truly appreciate input about your operations.

Downeast LNG has maintained an open-door policy from the beginning, providing project information, sharing thoughts, and working through issues together with our neighbors. We invite members of the whale watching community to contact us directly to discuss any concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

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