

**ZOOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY PROGRAM  
STRANDED CETACEAN NECROPSY REPORT**

**Field ID:** 07IMMS011311  
**Additional Identifier:**  
**ZPP Accession Number:** 11-019Tt  
**Species:** *Tursiops truncatus*  
**Strand Date:** 01-31-11  
**Strand Location:** Dauphin Island, AL  
**Sex:** male  
**Age Class:** fetus  
**Necropsy Date:** 01-31-11  
**Condition code:** 3  
**Total Length:** 93 cm  
**Weight:**  
**Blubber Depth:**  
**Body Condition:**

**Gross Necropsy:** (information available in spreadsheet)

**Slides/Tissues Received:** 1 regular slide

**Microscopic Findings:** Tissue is moderately autolyzed with scattered postmortem bacteria and 3  $\mu\text{m}$  ovoid organisms (possible yeast).

Slide 1:

Smooth muscle with intervening thin bands of dense collagenous fibrous tissue, and with scant connective tissue on 3 sides; reported as gonad collected.

**Final Diagnosis:**

1. Pre-term fetal death

**Comments:**

With total length of 93 cm, this fetus was well below the approximate 115 cm length expected for a full term animal, and thus a pre-term fetal death.

Gonad was reportedly collected for histologic evaluation but the reviewed section was composed of smooth muscle and fibrous tissue and was considered a portion of an adjacent structure.

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