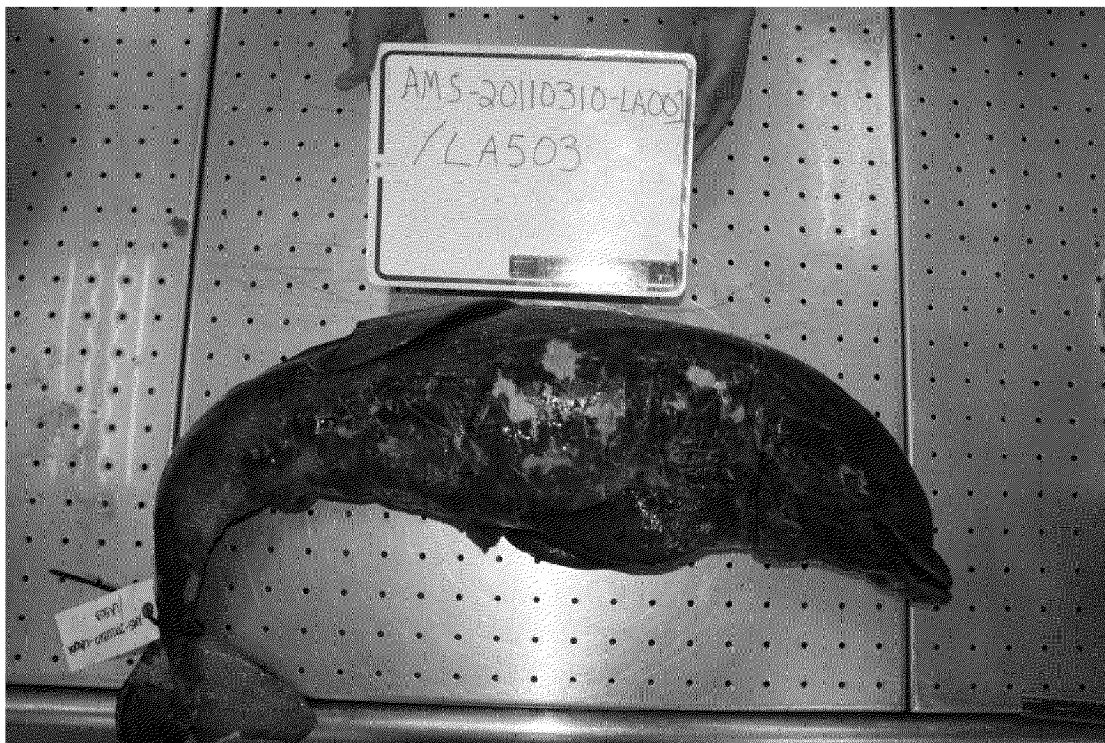


GROSS NECROPSY REPORT

SPECIES *Tt* **FIELD NUMBER** AMS20110310-LA001/LA503 **DATE** July 18, 2011
LOCATION Johnson Bayou, LA **LAT/LONG** 29.75556/-93.60846
SEX F **TL** 105.5 **COND** 4 **WEIGHT** N/E



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A perinatal female 105.5 cm total length *Tursiops truncatus* is presented dead July 18, 2011 in very poor post mortem (code 4) and moderate body condition. The animal is moderately fleshed. Throughout the isthmus, there is focally extensive dissolution and oxidation of the fat which was tan yellow and mucoid to friable. Approximately 5 cm of intestine was extruded through the umbilicus and there is generalized liquefaction of the internal viscera. The ductus arteriosus is patent. Rostral hairs and follicles are apparent and there are no erupted teeth. The stomach is empty and there is no meconium within the colon. There are no other apparent gross internal or external lesions.

CONCLUSIONS

There was pronounced autolysis of this animal, which precluded post mortem examination of tissues, evaluation of fetal characteristics (vibrissae, follicles, foramen ovale) or assessment for evidence of human interactions. Despite the degree of post mortem decomposition, the animal was sampled as a code 3.

GROSS FINDINGS

1). Carcass: Open, autolysis

TISSUE DISPOSITION

Skin and mandible, life history

Liver and meconium, biotoxins

Carcass remains, archived

Gross photos

Brain and adrenal gland, virology