



Scientists aboard the NOAA research ship Pisces found a sub adult sperm whale 77 miles due south of the Deepwater Spill site. NOAA will analyze skin samples to determine if the whale came from the oil zone. However, due to decomposition and shark predation NOAA will not be able to determine a definitive cause of death. The charred appearance of the whale is a natural occurrence due to exposure to the sun and heat. (NOAA photo, June 15, 2010)