

The UNH Marine Program Presents a Special Seminar

# URBAN WHALE: RIGHT WHALES AT THE CROSSROADS

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Friday, April 20, 2007 at 3:00PM  
Richards Auditorium  
Murkland Hall

The North Atlantic right whale is considered the rarest large whale in the world, with a population numbering only 350 animals. These whales were named for being the 'right' whales to hunt because they swam close to shore, were slow-moving and easy to catch, and floated when dead. They had been hunted to near extinction by the late 1800s, and have been protected internationally since 1935. Today, nearly 50 percent of right whale mortalities are due to ship-strikes or entanglement in fishing gear. Dr. Kraus received his PhD from the University of New Hampshire and has studied the right whale extensively since 1980. He currently serves as a member of the national right whale recovery team and numerous other national and regional teams working to insure the survival of this majestic marine mammal.

**The Seminar is Free and Open to the Public**  
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