

Northern Elephant Seal Necropsy

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- 1) Measuring length of animal it came in at 4.13 or 4.17 meters. One of the largest specimens found.
- 2) Head shot.
- 3) Close up of the mouth and teeth showing the teeth in good condition
- 4) To give an idea of the size of the animal, also the powerful hind-flippers, it's main mode of propulsion.





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11) Working on obtaining samples and looking for evidence of cause of death in the abdominal cavity.

12) Bagged samples

13) A section of trachea.

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5) & 6) Cutting into the skin and blubber in sections so as to be able to remove almost manageable chunks.

7) To show the thickness of fat, this is the energy store that must be able to maintain the male on the breeding grounds for around 3 months.

8) Stake anyone? Me with muscle samples ready to be bagged.

9) Evidence of a large contusion, see the darker red area on the neck, compared to the surrounding tissue.

10) Into the abdominal cavity, the intestines are visible and the stomach.