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**Town of East Hampton Working to Secure and Remove Dead Humpback Whale
*Joint Effort With Atlantic Marine Conservation Society, New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, and U.S. Coast
Guard Station Montauk***

Efforts will be made today to tow a deceased humpback whale found floating just offshore near Montauk earlier this week to a secure location along the south shore beach for necropsy and removal.

An area of the Atlantic Ocean beachfront south of the Old Montauk Highway in Montauk, from South Eton Road (at Umbrella Beach) to the west will be closed to beachgoers, and swimming in the area is not advised.

East Hampton Town lifeguards will be blocking access to the area from Kirk Park, the lifeguarded bathing beach in downtown Montauk.

The Atlantic Marine Conservation Society (www.amseas.org) will conduct a necropsy examination of the whale once it has reached shore. Contractors will then use heavy equipment to remove the whale from the beach for disposal.

The removal is expected to be completed by tomorrow, and the beach reopened.

Questions may be directed to the office of East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc at (631) 324-4140.

Questions about the whale may be directed to the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society, the agency designated by the federal government to respond to marine mammal deaths and strandings, at 631-220-1220 or rachel@rachelbosworth.com (press inquiries) or 631-317-0030.