

# What's the story Superferry?

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How many total whale spotters will there be?

What is the amount of time needed for the Superferry to take evasive action once a whale is spotted within the 100 yd. distance according to federal law?

**Whale Spotters** – We have two additional whale spotters on the bridge during whale season.

**No Propellers** – We use water jets so propellers aren't an issue.

Is there definitive information about areas that are and are not frequently occupied by whales?

The area around Kawaihae on the Big Island is a well-known area for viewing whales. How will Hawaii Superferry navigate through this area?

**A Different Tack** – During whale season, we change course to avoid shallow waters where whales congregate.

Studies show that death to whales is more often caused by being struck by a vessel as opposed to being struck by a propeller. Studies have also shown that whales have gone deaf in heavily trafficked areas due to the noise of engines, thereby preventing them from the possibility of hearing an oncoming vessel.

Has Hawaii Superferry done studies on the amount of noise these water jets produce in order to propel this 349', 4-story vessel with a maximum deadweight of 882 tons through the water?

