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On the Northwest
Monday April 17th 1848

Lively winds from the SE and frequent snow squalls. Steering SE under single reefed M. Sails. Saw several finbacks. At 11 hauled to the wind. Midship part wind hauls to the NW. Latter part wind NW. Set all sail and steered SE. Saw many finbacks but no right whales.

55.40
149.09

Tuesday April 18th

Lively winds from the NW and good weather with fog squalls. Steering SE all sail set. Saw finbacks. Midship part heading S under short sail. At 2 more to the N. Latter part lively winds from the W and good weather. Set the main top sail and steered NE. Saw a merchant brig standing S. Several finbacks and a humpback.

55.08
147.50

Wednesday April 19th

Lively winds from the W and good weather. Steering NE with main top gallant sail set. Saw several finbacks and one humpback. Midship part almost calm. Latter part a light breeze from the NE and good weather. Smooth water. Set all sail heading to the NW. Saw several finbacks.

55.25
147.40

Thursday April 20th

Pleasant breeze from the NE and good weather with smooth water. All sail set heading NW. Saw a humpback. At 4 sprang on. Looked in the top gallant sail and fl. jib. Midship part fresh breeze from the NE and quite rough. Heading NE under short sail. Latter part fresh breeze with snow squalls. Set double reefed top sails and jib. Saw many finbacks.

56.53
147.35

Friday April 21st

Fresh breeze from the NE and snow squalls quite rugged. Standing N under double reefed top sails and main sail. Saw many finbacks. Midship part moderate down smily. Latter part light winds from the NE and beautiful weather. Heading NW with all sail set. Saw many wild geese and ducks but no right whales. Saw one finback.

58.26
147.24

Saturday April 22^d

Light winds from the NE and beautiful weather. Standing to the NW with all sail set. Midship part light airs heading NW under short sail. Latter part light winds from the NE and beautiful weather. Set all sail heading to the NW. At 7 lowered for some California Greys but they were going too fast for us.

59.06
148.30

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North West
Sunday April 23^d 1848

Light airs from the N and beautiful weather. All sail set heading to the N and W. Saw 2 finbacks and many wild geese. At 4 saw the land bearing NW. Very smoky. At 78 sounded 90 fathoms with blue rope. Midship part almost calm. Latter part light wind from the N. Set all sail and headed to the W. Land distant about 30 miles. Saw many finbacks.

59.16
149.15

Monday April 24th

Light winds from the NE and fine weather. Steering NW along the land distant about 15 miles. Very mountainous rugged land all covered with snow. Midship part light winds from the NE. Steered SE under another reefed main top sail and fore sail. Latter part wind hauls to the E. Saw many humpbacks. At 10 light wind and thick fog.

Tuesday April 25th

Light winds from the E and foggy. At 2 sounded in 40 fathoms of water. Caught 3 halibut. At 4 wind ENE and fog lifts. Standing to the wind SE all sail set. Saw 2 humpbacks. Midship part lively winds from the E and fog. Latter part lively winds from the E to E with fog squalls. All sail set heading to the SE. No observations.

57.14
150.15

Wednesday April 26th

Lively winds from the ENE and fog squalls. All sail set heading to the SE. Nothing seen. A small rising from the SE. At 7 took in sail to double reefed top sails. Wind ENE. Latter part smart breeze from ENE. Set whole top sails jib and main sail. Heading to the wind to SE. At 7 set in thick fog.

Thursday April 27th

Smart breeze from the ENE and thick fog. Standing to the wind SE under whole top sails jib and main sail. Midship part heading SE under short sail. Latter part blowing fresh from the E and thick drizzly weather. Rugged. Heading SE under short sail.

Friday April 28th

Fresh breeze from the E and thick drizzly weather. Rugged. At 2 wind moderates and hauls to ESE. At 44 cleared up in the NW. At 6 moderate winds. More ship to the NE under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail. Midship part at 7 wore ship. At 10 wore to the NE. Latter part fresh breeze from the S and drizzly. Set double reefed top sails jib and main sail. At 10 wind SSE. Set whole top sails and steered ESE. Saw finbacks.

54.56
148.20