

Dispatch from Sunday, 29 April 2007

Greetings:

After a final day working to catch a seal we headed north back to Palmer Station. The weather continues to be amazing with the barometer over 1000 mmHg. We cruised north all night and mid day stopped outside of Palmer Station to set some fish traps for the Fish group. A few miles away from Palmer Station we came across two humpback whales that stayed with us for almost 20 minutes. We then made our arrival at the station at 4:30. We now transition to life at the Station after a tremendous week at sea catching seals. While the other researchers go out fishing we will take care of gear and prepare for the exchange of personnel in a week.

Attached are pictures of the humpback whale taken by Mike Goebel, and a photo of the Marine Techs deploying fish pots of the stern of the *L.M. Gould*.

Best from the seal team.



Photo M. Goebel



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