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Endangered whales swim in Sebastian Inlet

FWC, SeaWorld protecting endangered whales on Florida's east coast

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SEBASTIAN INLET, Fla. - An endangered 45-foot-North Atlantic right whale and her calf were seen swimming into Sebastian Inlet on Monday, News 6 Florida Today reported. (<http://www.floridatoday.com/>)

"In my 17 years of doing this, I have not seen them doing this inside of Sebastian Inlet," Julie Albert, who runs a right whale monitoring network for the nonprofit Marine Resources Council, told Florida Today.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and scientists from Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution are monitoring the situation and trying to keep boats away from the area.

It may just be a coincidence that Florida is having a whale of a time, but right whales were spotted earlier this past weekend on Feb. 6 at Satellite Beach sharing some waves with local surfers.

(<http://www.gulfster.com/Daily/2016PictureGallery/020616ec/index.html>)