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WASHINGTON, Oct. 7, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The October 7 Edition of the Washington Post has an article which states: "Scientists link sonar mapping to '08 whale stranding".

The Post article is based upon the report of a panel (ISRP) established by the International Whaling Commission which fails to incorporate the views of all the experts who advised the panel. In fact, when the totality of the record is examined the "Panel Report" is in violation of the Data [aka Information] Quality Act.

Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (CRE) compliments the Washington Post for presenting the views of all parties which unfortunately was not the case with either the ISRP or the foreign press.

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