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Antioch grad garners award

A 2001 graduate of Antioch University New England was honored by the U.S. Commerce Department last month for his work to save whales. David Wiley, a Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary scientist and research coordinator, was given a gold medal for his work altering shipping lanes into the port of Boston to minimize collisions with endangered whales.

Wiley earned a doctorate degree in the university's environmental studies program.

He has also worked with fishermen to redesign fishing gear to reduce the risk of whale entanglement and is leading a multi-organizational study of the underwater behavior of endangered whales.

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