
False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31, 2013
NOAA Fisheries Honolulu Service Center
Honolulu, Hawaii

PROPOSED AGENDA

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Provide updates on recent False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team (TRT) related activities, including recent interactions, research initiatives, Observer Program efforts, and fisheries activities
- Take stock of False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan (Plan) implementation to-date
- Consider the need for any potential plan amendments and/or updates to research priorities
- Discuss possible monitoring approaches for the Take Reduction Plan
- Outline next steps

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS

8:45 AM

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GETTING ORGANIZED

- Welcome (*Van Atta*)
- Meeting Purpose, Agenda Review and Ground Rules (*CONCUR*)
- Self-Introductions

GENERAL UPDATES

- Team Membership Changes (*Young*)
- Status of GAMMS III (*Long*)
- Other

FALSE KILLER WHALE STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATE

- Stock Assessment Update
 - Review 2012 Stock Assessment Report and abundance analysis (*Oleson*)
 - Habitat-based density models for Central Pacific (*Forney*)

FISHERIES-RELATED DATA, TRENDS, AND UPDATES

- Fishery trends in the longline fisheries
 - Recent longline fishery management actions (*Bailey*)
 - Overview of recent fishery trends (*Ito*)
- Fishery trends in Hawaii state fisheries (*Miyasaka*)
- Overview of Council activities related to the TRP (*Ishizaki*)

BREAK

OBSERVER DATA, TRENDS, AND UPDATES

- Observed interactions in Hawaii and American Samoa longline fisheries (*Marchetti*)
- False killer whale injury determinations: 2007-2013 (*Forney*)
- Other protected species interactions (*Young, Marchetti*)
- Discussion of potential additional observer data modeling/analysis (*Forney*)

LUNCH

12:30 PM

INITIAL DISCUSSION: PLAN IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

1:30 PM

- Overview of Plan implementation status
 - Brief review of implementation status of core Plan elements (*Young*)
 - Detailed review of recent takes and consider implications for Plan implementation (*Young, Marchetti*)
- Industry update on fisheries-related implementation status and considerations (*Steen*)
 - Take stock of implementation to-date
 - Consider ramifications moving forward
- Enforcement/Compliance Updates (*Tomson, Roberts*)
 - Update on compliance with TRP regulatory elements and enforcement activities since Plan implementation
 - Consider ramifications moving forward

BREAK

CONTINUED DISCUSSION: PLAN IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Observer Program Implementation Considerations
 - Discuss Observer Program issues related to plan implementation (*Marchetti*)
 - Changes to Observer Program protocols; info on hook straightening
 - Captain-crew-observer dynamics during an interaction
 - Consider ramifications moving forward
- Expedited Injury Determination Process (*Young*)
 - Review current process for expediting injury determinations
 - Explore opportunities to streamline injury determination and/or management review process
 - Consider ramifications moving forward

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING PROCEEDINGS

DISCUSSION SUMMARY AND PREVIEW OF DAY TWO

ADJOURN

5:00 PM

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, MAY 30

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS

8:45 AM

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

- Overview of Day Two agenda and focus (*CONCUR*)
- Questions and Comments from Day One (*PIRO, CONCUR*)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Protocol for collecting straightened hooks to support genetic sampling (*Martien*)
- Review of research activities
 - Recent false killer whale-related research (*Oleson*)
 - Testing hook-tissue interactions in toothed whale mouths (*McLellan*)
 - Consider implications for FKWTRP

BREAK

INITIAL DISCUSSION: POTENTIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

- For the Southern Exclusion Zone (*Young*)
 - Recap rationale and intended operation of SEZ area and trigger combination
 - Identify potential challenges with existing SEZ rule
 - Assess the need, if any, for revisions (now or in the future)
- For research-related takes and exemptions (*Young/Long/Tucher*)
 - Overview of implementation-related considerations
 - Assess the need for revisions or amendments to Plan and/or protocols
- Opportunity for plenary, breakout group, or caucuses

LUNCH

12:30 PM

CONTINUE DISCUSSION: POTENTIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

1:30 PM

- Continue Team discussion on SEZ, research related takes and exemptions
 - Opportunity for plenary, breakout group, or caucuses

BREAK

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON MEETING PROCEEDINGS

PREVIEW OF DAY THREE

ADJOURN

5:00 PM

DAY THREE: FRIDAY, MAY 31

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS

8:45 AM

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

- Overview of Day Three agenda and focus (*CONCUR*)
- Questions and Comments from Day Two (*PIRO, CONCUR*)

DISCUSSION: DRAFT MONITORING STRATEGY

- Overview of proposed approach to and timing for development and implementation of TRP Monitoring Strategy (*Young*)
- Review of draft Monitoring Strategy (*Young*)
 - Take stock of Work Group efforts to-date
 - Does the current draft have the right level of detail?
 - Are there any gaps? Other areas to monitor?
 - Revise draft Monitoring Strategy, as needed
 - Identify next steps for refining, drafting and confirming Monitoring Strategy

BREAK

DISCUSSION: RESEARCH NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

- Provide overview of current TRP research priorities (*Oleson*)
- Discuss research priorities moving forward
 - What are the Team's top one to two research priorities?
 - What is the status/need for additional weak hook research? Funding opportunities, sponsorship, needed approvals?
 - Who are potential partners for research needs?
- Review State of Hawaii fisheries and potential implications for FKWTRP
 - Opportunity for Team clarifying questions
 - Consider implications for future TRT research

LUNCH

12:15 PM

DISCUSSION: PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER

1:30 PM

- Review and confirm key Team recommendations moving forward
 - What strategies/actions are needed, if any, to improve compliance with and effectiveness of existing measures?
 - Are new management measures – regulatory or voluntary – needed to improve TRP implementation?
 - Is additional research needed to inform Team deliberations and TRP implementation?
 - What other actions are needed (e.g., enforcement, monitoring, etc.)?

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- Consider ramifications for TRP funding priorities (*Long/Young*)
 - In-person meetings/webinars v. research v. other activities?

BREAK

CONTINUED DISCUSSION: PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Wrap up discussions on Team recommendations and TRP funding priorities

NEXT STEPS

- Take stock of immediate next steps
 - Work Group needs and potential timing
 - Outreach needs
 - Research needs
 - Key Outcomes memorandum
 - Other
- Confirm FKWTRT anticipated meeting schedule

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FINAL REFLECTIONS

- Closing comments by PIRO, CONCUR

ADJOURN

5:00 PM