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# Handling/Release Work Group Overview

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- Objective
  - Initiate discussions regarding possible recommended changes to current handling/release protocols, including review of existing placards and training
- Members:
  - Team members - Asuka (for Paul), Michael, John L., Ryan
    - Unable to attend: John H., Andy, Tory
  - NMFS - Nancy, Amanda, Jamie, Adam, Andrew, Karin
  - Facilitators - Scott, Bennett

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- Aug 2014 teleconference
  - Discussion of different captain/crew handling methods
  - Interplay between hook and other gear also has significant impact on success of straightening efforts
  - Insufficient info available currently to ID reliable, situation-specific strategies for straightening a hook
  - Need for more info to better identify protocols
    - Experiments
    - Learn from past and future interactions