
False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting
April 29 – May 1, 2015
Lotus Honolulu at Diamond Head Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

AGENDA

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Provide updates on recent False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan (TRP) related information and actions, including stock assessment, observed interactions, fisheries management, and research initiatives
- Take stock of TRP implementation efforts to-date, including monitoring approach and initial results
- Consider the need for any potential TRP amendments and/or updates to research priorities
- Outline next steps

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS **8:45 AM**

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND GETTING ORGANIZED **9:00 AM**

- Welcome (*Tosatto*)
- Meeting Purpose and Self-Introductions (*CONCUR*)
- Agenda Review and Ground Rules (*CONCUR*)
 - Introduce Program-wide TRT Operating Protocols (*Long*)

GENERAL UPDATES **9:30 AM**

- Team Membership Changes (*Young*)
- Other general updates (*Long*)

FALSE KILLER WHALE STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATE **9:45 AM**

- Review updated false killer whale stock boundaries and abundance estimates (*Bradford*)
- Overview of updated false killer whale bycatch estimation framework and 2009-2013 bycatch estimates (*Oleson*)

BREAK **10:30 AM**

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (PART I) **10:45 AM**

- Initial updates on TRP-related research activities
 - Update and discussion on testing of hook-tissue interactions in toothed whale mouths using HI longline fleet gear (*McLellan, via teleconference*)

INTERACTION DATA **11:10 AM**

- Overview of recent (2013-present) false killer whale interactions and injury determinations (*Young/Marchetti*)
- Other protected species interactions (*Young/Marchetti*)

LUNCH	12:00 PM
FISHERIES MANAGEMENT UPDATES	1:30 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Western Pacific Fishery Management Council updates (<i>Dalzell/Ishizaki</i>) ○ NMFS updates (<i>Young</i>) 	
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (PART II)	2:15 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued updates on TRP-related research activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review 2013/2014 Work Group recommendations related to research priorities (<i>Young</i>) ● Overview of and findings from Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center research activities (<i>Oleson</i>) 	
BREAK	3:00 PM
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (PART III)	3:15 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continued updates on TRP-related research activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pelagic false killer whales and longline sets (<i>Baird</i>) ● False killer whale depredation research and video (<i>O'Connell</i>) ● Bycatch and depredation mitigation device testing proposal (<i>Ishizaki</i>) 	
PUBLIC COMMENTS	4:40 PM
DISCUSSION SUMMARY AND PREVIEW OF DAY TWO	4:50 PM
ADJOURN	5:00 PM
TEAM SOCIAL (LOCATION TBD)	6:00 TO 7:00 PM

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, APRIL 30

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS	8:30 AM
WELCOME AND OVERVIEW	8:45 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of Day Two agenda and focus (<i>CONCUR</i>) ○ Questions and Comments from Day One (<i>PIRO, CONCUR</i>) 	
TRP IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	9:00 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIRO overview of TRP implementation status, issues, and consideration (<i>Young</i>) ○ Enforcement/compliance updates (<i>Tomson/Roberts</i>) ○ Industry overview of implementation to-date (<i>Steen</i>) ○ Team discussion and initial observations 	

DISCUSSION: TRP MONITORING STRATEGY AND INITIAL RESULTS	9:30 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review Monitoring Strategy for TRP (<i>Young</i>) ○ Agency initial analysis of early-year monitoring results (<i>NMFS</i>) ○ Initial Team observations and ramifications for additional analysis, future monitoring, research needs, and other TRP-related activities 	
BREAK	10:30 AM
DISCUSSION: TRP MONITORING STRATEGY AND INITIAL RESULTS (CONTD)	10:45 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue: Agency initial analysis of early-year monitoring results, and Team observations and ramifications for additional analysis, future monitoring, research needs, and other TRP-related activities 	
LUNCH	12:00 PM
DISCUSSION: RESEARCH EXEMPTIONS	1:30 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss need for fisheries research exemptions to support TRP research needs; consider jointly-drafted straw proposal (<i>Steen/Cummings</i>) 	
DISCUSSION: HANDLING/RELEASE WORK GROUP	2:15 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of the status of handling/release activity (<i>Young</i>) ○ Overview of Handling/Release Work Group deliberations (<i>Young</i>) ○ Overview of HLA handling/release training (<i>HLA</i>) ○ Overview of NMFS handling/release training (<i>Torres</i>) ○ Team discussion to consider implications for TRP implementation and identify next steps, as needed 	
BREAK	3:45 PM
DISCUSSION: TAKING STOCK OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES (PART I)	4:00 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team discussion to assess implementation progress to-date and consider ramifications for current and potential management measures ○ Opportunity for breakout group and full Team discussions, as needed 	
PUBLIC COMMENTS	4:45 PM
PREVIEW OF DAY THREE	4:55 PM
ADJOURN	5:00 PM

DAY THREE: FRIDAY, MAY 1

ARRIVAL AND GREETINGS **8:30 AM**

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW **8:45 AM**

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

DISCUSSION: NON-LONGLINE FISHERIES WORK GROUP **9:00 AM**

- Overview of Non-Longline Fisheries Work Group deliberations to-date (*Young*)
- Updates on other non-longline-related data and discussions
 - Agency update on TRP scope-related considerations (*Young*)
 - Overview of Marine Mammal Science paper on false killer whale fisheries interactions in Hawaiian waters (*Baird*)
 - Analysis of state fisheries depredation data (*Oleson*)
 - Update on cetacean/small vessel fisheries interaction pilot study (*Madge*)
 - Spatial and temporal overlap of false killer whales and state fisheries (*Baird*)
- Team discussion to consider implications for TRP implementation and identify next steps, as needed
 - Team discussion to include invited non-longline fishermen

BREAK **10:45 AM**

DISCUSSION: TAKING STOCK OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES (PART II) **11:00 AM**

- Continued Team discussion to assess implementation progress to-date and consider ramifications for current and potential management measures
- Opportunity for breakout group and full Team discussions, as needed

LUNCH **12:15 PM**

DISCUSSION: TAKING STOCK OF MANAGEMENT MEASURES (PART III) **1:45 PM**

- Continued Team discussion to assess implementation progress to-date and consider ramifications for current and potential management measures
- Opportunity for breakout group and full Team discussions, as needed

BREAK **3:00 PM**

DISCUSSION: RESEARCH NEEDS AND PRIORITIES **3:15 PM**

- Revisit current research priorities in light of Team deliberations; consider the need for new research projects and priority-setting

NEXT STEPS

4:15 PM

- Take stock of immediate next steps
 - Work Group needs and potential timing
 - Outreach needs
 - Research needs
 - Key Outcomes memorandum
 - Other
- Confirm TRT anticipated future work teams and in-person meeting schedule

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:35 PM

FINAL REFLECTIONS

4:50 PM

- Closing comments by PIRO, CONCUR

ADJOURN

5:00 PM