Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.

Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)

As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

1. General Description of Data to be Managed

1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:
AFSC/NMML: Distribution of cetaceans in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas, 2010-2015

1.2. Summary description of the data:
As part of several inter-agency agreements between the National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), ship-based visual surveys of the Bering, Chukchi, and Western Beaufort Seas were conducted within the months of July to September every year starting in 2010. Visual surveys were used to document distribution of marine mammals, with specific focus on cetacean species. Since 2010, 9 cetacean species and a total of 17 marine mammal species were documented.

1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?
One-time data collection

1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:
2010 to 2014

1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:
W: -167, E: -152, N: 72, S: 54
Bering Sea, Bering Strait, Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea

1.6. Type(s) of data:
(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.)
Table (digital)

1.7. Data collection method(s):
(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys, enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)

1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:
1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:

2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)

2.1. Name:
   Metadata Coordinators MC

2.2. Title:
   Metadata Contact

2.3. Affiliation or facility:

2.4. E-mail address:
   AFSC.metadata@noaa.gov

2.5. Phone number:

3. Responsible Party for Data Management
   Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of
   the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.

3.1. Name:
   Brenda Rone

3.2. Title:
   Data Steward

4. Resources
   Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.

4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?
   No

4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"):
   0

5. Data Lineage and Quality
   NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality,
   objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.

5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible
   (describe or provide URL of description):
   Process Steps:
5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:

5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):
In all years except 2013, data were collected using the software WINCRUZ (http://tinyurl.com/qhtakea). Post cruise processing included data extraction and error checking using customized software (Paul Wade, National Marine Mammal Laboratory). In 2013, the computer program Mysticetus (www.mysticetus.com) was used. Accuracy was ensured by reviewing and editing the data in the field on a daily basis. In all years, tracklines and sightings were plotted in ArcMap to check for accuracy.

6. Data Documentation
The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.

6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?
No

6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:
Missing/invalid information:
- 1.7. Data collection method(s)

6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:
NMFS Office of Science and Technology

6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:

6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:
https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/inport/item/17941

6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata
(describe or provide URL of description):
Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC_PD-Data_Documentation_v1.pdf

7. Data Access
NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance,
recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.

7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
Yes

7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?

7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:

7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:
National Centers for Environmental Information - Silver Spring, Maryland (NCEI-MD)

7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:

7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:
http://data.nodc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:0137906

7.3. Data access methods or services offered:
Data can be accessed at http://data.nodc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/iso?id=gov.noaa.nodc:0137906

7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:
Unknown

7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:

8. Data Preservation and Protection
The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.

8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:
(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)
NCEI_MD

8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:

8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:

8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):
8.3. **Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:**
Unknown

8.4. **How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?**

*Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection*

IT Security and Contingency Plan for the system establishes procedures and applies to the functions, operations, and resources necessary to recover and restore data as hosted in the Western Regional Support Center in Seattle, Washington, following a disruption.

9. **Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions**

*Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.*