

Atlantic Trawl Gear Take Reduction Team (ATGTRT)
Proposed Agenda
April 25 – 26, 2007
Baltimore, MD

Meeting Objectives:

- Introduce TRT members, new members and team support staff
 - Review goal of the TRT process and roles of TRT members
 - Present and discuss data and management questions
 - Review and discuss options for a draft Take Reduction Plan
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Day 1, Wednesday, April 25th (9:00 AM – 6:00 PM)

BACKGROUND/MANDATE(S)

9:00 – 9:30 Greetings and Agenda Review (RESOLVE, NERO)

- 1) Opening comments
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Review agenda
- 4) Review meeting purpose
 - a) *Reduce interactions between commercial fisheries and pilot whales, common dolphins and Atlantic white-sided dolphins*
- 5) Review goal of the TRT process and roles of TRT members
- 6) Review groundrules

9:30 – 11:00 Response to Action Items/ATGTRT Requests (NERO)

- 1) New Team Members
- 2) NOAA GC Guidance on Settlement Agreement: TRT Responsibilities pursuant to MMPA
- 3) LOF revision – Reclassification of Mid-Atlantic Midwater Trawl from Category I to II, result of Tier Analysis
- 4) Canadian Management Measures
- 5) Observer Manual Update Process
- 6) Review of Remaining Action Items

11:00 – 11:15 Break

REVIEW OF DATA

11:15 – 12:00 Presentation: Gear Models – Team Discussion

- 1) Dave Beutel (URI)

12:00 – 1:00 Presentation: Updated Analysis (NEC)

- 1) Updated Abundance Estimates (Deb Palka)
- 2) Updated Mortality Estimate (Mid-water trawl)

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch (*on your own*)

