

**Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team
Meeting
January 9-13, 2012
Providence, RI**

PROVISIONAL DRAFT AGENDA¹

Meeting Purposes

- Provide informational updates on recent ALWTRP activities;
- Finalize the ALWTRP Monitoring Strategy;
- Discuss NMFS and Stakeholder Vertical Line Risk Reduction Proposals;
- Identify promising framework for and aspects of management of vertical line risk;
- Develop gear marking strategy; and
- Begin to develop alternatives to analyze in Environmental Impact Statement.

DAY 1 (Monday, January 9th)

- 1:00-1:30 PM** **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GETTING ORGANIZED** (*NMFS and CONCUR*)
- Review meeting purpose and round robin greeting (*CONCUR*)
 - Opening comments (*NMFS*)
 - Review and confirm agenda and ground rules (*CONCUR*)
- 1:30- 3:30 PM** **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES: RECENT ALWTRP ACTIVITIES** (*NMFS and others*)
- Provide update on ALWTRP activities since 2010/2011 subgroup meetings
 - ALWTRT Membership (*Swails, 5min*)
 - Provide brief status report on enforcement-related updates (*Swails, 10 min*)
 - Preliminary Entanglement Data (*Smith, 10-15min*)
 - States Updates
 - Massachusetts (*Burke, 5-10min*)
 - Maine (*Summers, 5-10min*)
 - Update on NMFS Funded Research
 - Salvador (*15 min*)
 - Kraus (*15 min*)
 - Canadian update (*Merriman, 10-15min*)
 - Update on lobster management actions (*Ross/Burns, 10-15min*)

¹ Opportunity to caucus provided —TBD at meeting.

- 3:30-3:45 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:45-4:15 PM** **ALWTRP MONITORING (NMFS)**
- Discuss changes to ALWTRP Monitoring Strategy since November 2011 subgroup conference calls.
 - Finalize Monitoring Strategy
- 4:15- 4:45 PM** **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES FROM ALWTRT SUBGROUP MEETINGS (NMFS)**
- Review key points from 2010/2011 ALWTRT Subgroup Meetings
 - Review ALWTRP vertical line rule development and monitoring strategy schedules
 - Review objectives of vertical line rule development
 - Review outcome of Working Group Meetings
 - Review outcome of Scoping Meetings
- 4:45 PM** **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT/PREVIEW OF DAY TWO (CONCUR)**
- 5:00 PM** **ADJOURN**
- 5:30- 7:00 PM** **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY**

DAY 2 (Tuesday, January 10th)

- 8:30 - 8:45 AM** **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY ONE (CONCUR)**
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM** **INTRODUCTION OF VERTICAL LINE RISK REDUCTION PROPOSALS (NMFS)**
- Provide overview of the submitted proposals
 - Review the Proposal Criteria
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM** **NMFS MID-ATLANTIC PROPOSAL (NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
 - Discuss and confirm proposed management scenario
- 9:30-10:30 AM** **NMFS SOUTHEAST PROPOSAL (NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
- 10:30 - 10:45 AM** **BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM** **NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME PROPOSAL (NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
- 11:15- NOON** **MAINE DISTRICT C-9 PROPOSAL(NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
- NOON – 1:15 PM** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:15 – 2:15 PM** **MAINE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PROPOSAL(NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM** **BREAK**
- 2:30- 3:45 PM** **NMFS NORTHEAST PROPOSAL (NMFS)**
- Provide overview of proposal
 - Invite Team member clarifying questions
- 3:45- 4:30 PM** **BEGIN COMPARISON OF PROPOSALS (IEC)**
- Initial comparison of percent vertical line risk reduction achieved from each proposal
 - Present initial thoughts for Team consideration
 - Team clarifying questions

4:30 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT** (*CONCUR*)

4:45 PM **REVIEW OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND PREVIEW OF DAY THREE**

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

DAY 3 (Wednesday, January 11th)¹

8:30-8:45 AM **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY TWO** (*CONCUR*)

8:45 AM – NOON **DISCUSSION OF SOUTHEAST VERTICAL LINE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL** (*All*)
(WITH BREAKS)

- Discuss proposed management strategies to address vertical line entanglements
 - What are the target management areas suggested? Do they vary seasonally by month?
 - Level of reduction achieved
 - Feasibility of implementation
 - What associated gear marking or monitoring should be considered for these options?
- Discuss the emerging framework for management of vertical line in this region
 - Are there approaches that appear particularly promising?

1:15-4:30 PM **DISCUSSION OF NORTHEAST VERTICAL LINE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL** (*All*)
(WITH BREAKS)

- Discuss proposed management strategies to address vertical line entanglements
 - What are the target management areas suggested? Do they vary seasonally by month?
 - Level of reduction achieved
 - Feasibility of implementation
 - What associated gear marking or monitoring should be considered for these options?
- Discuss the emerging framework for management of vertical line in this region
 - Are there approaches that appear particularly promising?

4:30 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT** (*CONCUR*)

4:45 PM **REVIEW OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND PREVIEW OF DAY FOUR**

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

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DAY 4 (Thursday, January 12th)¹

8:30-8:45 AM **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY THREE (CONCUR)**

8:45 AM – 4:30 PM **CONTINUE: DISCUSSION OF NORTHEAST VERTICAL LINE MANAGEMENT (ALL)**
(WITH BREAKS & LUNCH) **PROPOSALS (NMFS)**

- Continue discussion from Day Three (*NMFS and TRT*)
 - Management Strategy
 - Management Options

BEGIN DISCUSSION OF GEAR MARKING

4:30 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT (CONCUR)**

4:45 PM **REVIEW OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND PREVIEW OF DAY FIVE**

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

DAY 5 (Friday, January 14th)

8:30-8:45 AM **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY FOUR (CONCUR)**

8:45 -9:30 AM **RE-CAP AND FINALIZE PROPOSED ALWTRT MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS**
(CONCUR)

- Northeast
- Southeast
- Mid-Atlantic

9:30- 12:15 PM **GEAR MARKING DISCUSSION (NMFS)**

12:15 PM **NEXT STEPS (CONCUR and NMFS)**

- What will be done with the product from this meeting?
- Recap of meeting and review next steps
- Discuss next ALWTRT meeting
 - Recommended dates and locations?
 - Other issues?

12:45 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT**

1:00 PM **ADJOURN**