

**Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team
Co-Occurrence Model Work Group Meeting #1**

January 25, 2011

10:00-5:00pm

Hearing Room A, NMFS Northeast Regional Office, Gloucester, MA

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Purpose:

- Clarify intent of specific potential refinements
- Discuss feasibility of incorporating proposed refinements to the Co-occurrence model
- Confirm refinements to be undertaken/pursued; identify those not considered feasible
- Plan next steps for (1) reporting back to full NE subgroup and (2) identifying potential management areas

10:00-10:10am	<p>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GETTING ORGANIZED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review meeting purpose ▪ Opening comments ▪ Review and confirm agenda
10:10-11:30am	<p>DISCUSS POTENTIAL REFINEMENTS TO SPUE DATA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review/confirm intent of suggested refinements and data-set expansions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broaden SPUE to fold in Consortium database ○ Expand time series ○ Layer in additional data sets ○ Other ▪ Discuss feasibility of potential refinements ▪ Confirm game plan going forward (agreed-upon refinements, timing, etc.)
11:30-12:30pm	<p>DISCUSS POTENTIAL REFINEMENTS TO GEAR CHARACTERIZATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review/confirm intent of suggested refinements and data-set expansions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Impact of shift to sectors ○ Incorporate a sensitivity analysis (does this apply only to gear?) ○ Account for latent effort ○ Consider MA buoy line data ○ Account for increase in RI black sea bass trap/pot fishery ○ Fold in recreational fishing data ○ Other ▪ Discuss feasibility of refinements ▪ Confirm game plan going forward (agreed-upon refinements, timing, etc.)
12:30-1:30pm	<p>LUNCH (DECIDE WHETHER TO BREAK FOR FULL HOUR OR COME BACK WITH A “LUNCH TO-GO”)</p>

1:30pm-3:30pm	<p>DISCUSS POTENTIAL REFINEMENTS TO CO-OCCURRENCE MODEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review/confirm intent of suggested refinements and data-set expansions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Show co-occurrence for each species, right and humpback combined, and all three combined (by month? Season?) ○ Weight results by whale species ○ Allow for real-time “what if” scenario testing ○ Incorporate sensitivity analysis ○ Layer in additional data sets ○ Add bathymetry and habitat type layer ○ Consider alternate methods to scale and bin co-occurrence data ○ Look at co-occurrence shoreward of exemption line ○ Other ▪ Discuss feasibility of refinements ▪ Confirm game plan going forward (agreed-upon refinements, timing, etc.)
3:30-4:45pm	<p>DISCUSS USE OF CO-OCCURRENCE MODEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue above discussion ▪ Are there additional refinements necessary to move forward? ▪ Consider merits of alternative baseline years; discuss timing, information needs and approach to consideration of alternative baseline years ▪ Consider timing, information needs and approach to identifying potential management areas
4:45-5:00pm	<p>NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Game plan for summarizing and reporting results of the meeting ▪ What will be done with the product from this meeting? ▪ Consider next steps: teleconference briefing/webinar of full NE subgroup?

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