

### **Background Information**

Primary information about the false killer whales data that will be discussed at the meeting is provided in sections 3.a through 3.c. This includes the 2009 Draft Stock Assessment Report for false killer whales in the Pacific Islands Region, a report on the serious injury determinations for cetaceans caught in Hawaii's longline fisheries from 1994-2008, and a table listing the level of serious injury and mortality and the potential biological removal level for all cetacean stocks in the Pacific Islands Region.

For those who are interested in learning more about the process by which those numbers were derived, sections 3.d and 3.e. include the NOAA guidelines for developing stock assessments and for differentiating serious and non-serious injuries in marine mammals.

Section 3.f is the Federal Register notice announcing NMFS's 90-day finding on a petition to list the Insular population of Hawaiian false killer whales as an endangered species. This will not be a focus of the meeting, but is provided for your information.