

To: FKWTRT Members  
From: Scott McCreary and Bennett Brooks  
Re: FKWTRT Meeting Timeline and Focus  
Date: February 17, 2010

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The False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team has six months to develop a consensus recommended Take Reduction Plan (TRP). This timeline is aggressive and will require focused and productive deliberations by the Team and strong technical support from NMFS staff.

We have worked closely with the NMFS convenors over the past few weeks to map out a strategy for helping the Team engage these issues over the next several months. Below is a quick overview of the proposed approach. This is, to be sure, a rough outline and will need to adjust over time based on Team needs and interests and the ongoing analyses. However, we think the approach outlined on the following page offers a reasonable way forward.

We look forward to hearing your comments.

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## PROPOSED APPROACH AND ASSOCIATED TIMELINE

### Meeting 1 (Feb. 17-19, 2010): Honolulu

- Familiarize Team members with issue background, approach, participants
- Identify near-term information needs
- Frame analytic work to be undertaken
- Initial brainstorming on potential measures
  - **Possible Interim Work/Work Teams<sup>1</sup>:** Data compilation and analyses, shortline fishery information needs, draft TRP table of contents and initial boilerplate language

### Meeting 2 (Week of April 5): Maui (tentative location)

- Review and consider implications of recent data analyses
- Briefing on enforcement efforts and capabilities in HI-based longline fisheries
- Review 2010 Draft SAR (*if available*)
- Develop lists of candidate management/research options
- Review Draft TRP language developed to-date
- Identify early-on consensus recommendations
  - **Possible Interim Work/Work Teams:** Options development/refinement; continued drafting, as possible, of Draft TRP language

### Meeting 3 (Week of May 3): Kona (tentative location)

- Review additional analyses and consider implications
- Refine specific options/construct preliminary packages; track emerging agreement
- Weigh key feasibility and legal considerations
- Continue review of Draft TRP language
- Briefing on NMFS rule-making process
- Ongoing identification of consensus recommendations
  - **Possible Interim Work/Work Teams:** Additional analyses, options refinement, continued drafting of Draft TRP, including regulatory language

### Meeting 4 (Week of June 14): Maui or Kauai (tentative location)

- Consider any final stage data/analyses and implications for options
- Final discussion: options and packages of options
- Final development of consensus recommendations

### Mid-June to July 19: Teleconference and Email Only

- Completing near-final Draft TRP (via email/teleconference)
- Review and confirmation of final Draft TRP by Team members (via email/teleconference)

### Post July 19:

- NMFS publishes proposed rule and request for comments in the *Federal Register*
- Likely in-person Team meeting during public comment period
- NMFS publishes final rule in the *Federal Register*

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Interim Work Teams to be convened via teleconference and/or email. Work Team focus to be determined in discussion with TRT.