

Beginning the Search for Solutions: Lessons from Stakeholder Interviews

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- Approach: Conduct two dozen stakeholder interviews
- Purpose: Identify key interests and issues; areas of agreement/divergent views; information and meeting needs
- Important Aspects:
 - Confidential interviews
 - Interview guide used
 - Summary report prepared

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- Process: Create best chance for success
 - Have right people at table
 - Foster productive deliberations
 - Provide best available information
 - Keep eye on the prize
 - Reduce takes
 - Strengthen understanding for future
 - Press for consensus-supported Plan

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- Areas to Explore: No quick fixes but some potential ideas
 - Acoustic deterrents
 - Impact FKW ability to locate vessel, line, fish
 - Varied fishing tactics
 - Line length, soak time, depth
 - Time of day, hook type, bait
 - Real-time fleet communications
 - Methods used successfully elsewhere

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- Recognition that “reduction in effort” and time/area closures are highly controversial, but seen by some as options of last resort
 - Strong interest in finding creative answer that can help Team skirt thorniest issue