



False Killer Whale Pre-TRT Informational Meeting: Overview

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False Killer Whale Management: Recent Actions

- Initiation of the take reduction process under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).
- Petition to list the false killer whale under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Impetus and Goals

- Issue: False killer whales are experiencing unsustainable levels of serious injuries and mortalities incidental to Hawaii's commercial longline fisheries.
- MMPA requires this incidental **take** to be reduced:
 - MMPA describes the process for achieving this goal.
 - Formation of Take Reduction Team (TRT) to develop Take Reduction Plan (TRP).

Meeting Objectives

- To share information about:
 - MMPA requirements and TRT/TRP process,
 - Science and data.
- Preparation for formal TRT process:
 - Identify and bring together stakeholders and interested public,
 - Facilitate discussions amongst affected communities prior to first TRT meeting, so interested stakeholders have a shared understanding of the task at hand.

Pre-TRT Meeting

- Today's meeting is NOT a TRT meeting:
 - TRT has not yet been officially convened, no decisions made on membership,
 - MMPA process deadlines not yet applicable,
 - Informational only,
 - No recommendations will be developed.