**Meeting Objectives**

- Provide updates on recent Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team-related activities, including sperm whale abundance, stock status and bycatch, research initiatives, Observer Program efforts, enforcement and fisheries activities
- Take stock of implementation of the Emergency Rule
- Develop options for and seek consensus on permanent amendments to the Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan to reduce sperm whale (and other strategic stocks, if warranted) mortality and serious injuries
- Outline post-meeting next steps

**DAY ONE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

**I. GETTING STARTED**

9:00 AM

Welcome, Purpose and Meeting Overview

- Welcome, Meeting Purpose and Objectives (NMFS)
- Review Agenda, Ground Rules (Facilitators)
- Participant Introductions (All)

**II. TAKING STOCK OF RELEVANT UPDATES**

9:30 AM

Agency Activities – General Updates (45 minutes)

- General Agency Activities (e.g. new listings, critical habitat, etc.) (Fahy)
- Biological Opinion on the CA DGN fishery (2013 terms and conditions) (Fahy)
- MMPA 101(a)(5)(E) permit (DeAngelis)
- List of Fisheries (Fahy)
- Fleet outreach/education (Fahy)

Morning Break (15 minutes)

POCTRP-Related Data Review and Updates (2 hours)

- Stock Assessment and Abundance Updates (Carretta)
  - Sperm whale stock status, alternative means of assessing status (Carretta/Moore/Barlow)
- Update Serious Injury/Mortality Estimates in the Fishery – (Carretta)
  - 5-year estimates (2007-2012)
Status of Plan in achieving MMPA Goals

- Observer Program
  - General update (Enriquez)
  - 2013-14 fishing season (observed takes) (Enriquez)
- Fishery-Related Updates
  - Effort/Permits (active v. latent) (CDFW/Horeczko)

III. LUNCH  
12:30 PM

IV. TAKING STOCK OF RELEVANT UPDATES (continued)  
1:30 PM

Enforcement and Compliance (30 minutes)

- Compliance with the POCTRP (Carretta/Barlow)
- Status report on boardings/infractions (NMFS-OLE/USCG/CDFW)
- Pinger detection devices (Fahy)

Taking Stock of Emergency Rule – Impetus/Implementation (75 minutes)

- Background on emergency rule need (PRD/Fahy)
- Recap emergency rule (SFD/Heberer)
- Emergency rule implementation and effectiveness (SFD/PRD)
- Feedback on experience with emergency rule implementation (Team members)
- Preliminary information on results (All)

Afternoon break (15 minutes)

Sperm whale risk assessment (45 minutes)

- Recap and update regarding sperm whale risk assessment (Carretta)

V. DEVELOPING PERMANENT AMENDMENTS TO THE TRP  
4:15 PM

Initial Scan of Team Member Thoughts Regarding TRP Permanent Amendments (45 minutes)

- Recap charge to Team
- Opportunity for Team members to share initial perspectives regarding potential permanent amendments to TRP

Public Comment (15 minutes)

- Initial opportunity for public comment; additional opportunity on Days 2 and 3

VI. DISCUSSION SUMMARY AND PREVIEW OF DAY 2  
5:15 PM

VII. ADJOURN  
5:30 PM

Informal, no-host social gathering following meeting
DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW 8:30 AM

- Overview of Day 2 agenda and focus (CONCUR)
- Questions and Comments from Day 1 (PRD, CONCUR)

II. DEVELOPING PERMANENT AMENDMENTS TO TRP (cont’d) 8:45 AM

Developing TRP Recommendations (Facilitators; All)

- Initial Team discussions on possible management options and permanent amendments to the Take Reduction Plan to reduce sperm whale mortality and serious injuries
  - Potential management actions related to sperm-whale bycatch
  - Potential research priorities related to sperm-whale bycatch
  - Other (e.g. observer coverage levels, enforcement/compliance)
- Full and breakout group deliberations, as well as opportunities for caucus
- Morning Break anticipated around 10:30 AM

III. LUNCH 12:00 PM

IV. DEVELOPING PERMANENT AMENDMENTS (cont’d) 1:00 PM

Continue Developing TRP Recommendations (Facilitators; All)

- Continue Team deliberations; in full and breakout groups, as well as opportunities for caucus (Facilitators; All)
- Work to finalize TRP Recommendations (Facilitators; All)
  - Finalize Team deliberations related to permanent amendments; test for consensus-supported recommendations
  - Consider any additional information needs

Afternoon Break anticipated around 2:45 PM

Continue Developing TRP Recommendations (Facilitators; All)

- Note: Depending on progress during Day 1 and 2 (re: TRP amendments) topics for Day 3 may begin on the afternoon of Day 2

V. PUBLIC COMMENT 4:30 PM

- Opportunity for public comment; additional comment period at end of Day 3

VI. DISCUSSION SUMMARY AND PREVIEW OF DAY 2 4:45 PM

VII. ADJOURN 5:00 PM

As of 1/29/14
DAY THREE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

I. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

- Overview of Day Three agenda and focus  *(CONCUR)*
- Questions and Comments from Day One  *(PRD, CONCUR)*
  - Opportunity to revisit TRP amendments, as needed

II. OTHER TRP-RELATED TOPICS

Other Updates

- GAO Review of National TRT Activities (monitoring effectiveness of POCTRP)  *(Long/Fahy)*

Morning Break (15 minutes)

Other Updates (cont’d)

- Pacific Fishery Management Council activities (2013-2014 update)  *(Heberer)*
  - Modeling swordfish-leatherback habitat use  *(Maxwell)*
  - Available information on the status of protected species relevant to the Council proposal  *(Carretta)*
  - Opportunity for consideration for additional Team recommendations
- TNC proposal for latent permits  *(Cook; All)*

III. LUNCH

IV. OTHER TRP-RELATED TOPICS (cont’d)

Other Updates (cont’d)

- Research-related activities and priorities (modeling/gear advances)
  - Passive acoustic monitoring for sperm whales  *(Barlow)*
  - EcoCatch – dynamic management using DGN/protected species  *(Maxwell)*
  - Lightsticks/ADD research to reduce bycatch of turtles  *(Fahy/Swimmer)*
  - Other
- Modeling/Gear Advancements; Options for New Strategies  *(All)*
- Recap of 2013 Large Whale Entanglement Workshop  *(Fahy/Saez)*
- Report on the West Coast Drift Gillnet and Harpoon Fishery Cost-and-earnings Survey  *(Stohs)*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Opportunity for public comment
VI. NEXT STEPS

- Confirm next steps, including any related to Team recommendations and possible work teams
- Review process for drafting, confirming and finalizing Key Outcomes Memo
- Identify future meeting schedule and needs

VII. ADJOURN