

Arctic Open-water Meeting
March 5-7, 2013
Egan Center
Anchorage, Alaska

AGENDA

The sessions each morning will begin promptly at the times shown. Participants are encouraged to arrive early so that we can begin on time and keep on schedule. Please note that times are fluid and may vary based on the amount of Q&A for each topic.

Day 1—Tuesday, March 5

- 9:00-9:15 **Welcoming Remarks** (Jolie Harrison for the Director, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources; Jim Kendall, Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mark Fesmire, PE JD, Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; and Lisa Toussaint, Program Manager, Alaska Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- 9:15-9:35 **Introductions and Housekeeping Items** (Lisa O'Brien and Ron Felde, Facilitators)
- Brief Intro of Attendees
 - Review of Agenda and Meeting Objectives (Candace Nachman, Fishery Biologist, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources)
 - Review of Ground Rules and Parking Lot
- 9:35-9:50 **NMFS Incidental Take Program Updates** (Jolie Harrison, Incidental Take Team Supervisor, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources)
- 9:50-10:15 **Interagency Compliance Monitoring Panel** (Jeffrey Missal, Environment and Enforcement Division, BSEE and representatives from BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, US Coast Guard, and Environmental Protection Agency)
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-10:45 **Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Subsistence Harvest Updates** (George Noongwook, AEWK Chairman, and Harry Brower, AEWK Vice-Chairman)
- Results of 2012 harvests and plans for 2013 whaling season
 - Any incidents between hunters and industry in 2012
- 10:45-11:00 **Alaska Beluga Whale Committee Subsistence Harvest Updates** (Harry Brower, ABWC Vice-Chairman, and Robert Suydam, Wildlife Biologist, North Slope Borough Dept. Wildlife Management)
- Results of 2012 harvests and plans for 2013 whaling season
 - Any incidents between hunters and industry in 2012

- 11:00-11:15 **Ice Seal Committee Subsistence Harvest Updates** (John Goodwin, ISC Chairman)
- Results of 2012 harvests and plans for 2013 sealing season
 - Any incidents between hunters and industry in 2012
- 11:15-11:30 **Eskimo Walrus Commission** (Vera Metcalf, EWC Director)
- Results of 2012 harvests and plans for 2013 hunting season
 - Any incidents between hunters and industry in 2012
- 11:30-12:00 **BP 2012 Monitoring Results for Northstar and 2013 Operations and Monitoring Plans (Beaufort Sea)** (Bill Streever, Environmental Studies Leader, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.)
- 12:00-1:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00-1:45 **BP 2012 Monitoring Results for Beaufort Sea Seismic Survey Operations** (Bill Streever, Environmental Studies Leader, BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.)
- 1:45-2:45 **ION Geophysical Corporation 2012 Monitoring Results for Beaufort Sea In-ice Seismic Survey**
- Review of 2012 Operations (Ed Nelson, Geophysical Project Manager, ION Geophysical)
 - Sound Source Verification Results (Dave Hannay, Chief Science Officer, JASCO Applied Sciences)
 - Marine Mammal Monitoring and Mitigation (Darren Ireland, Marine Biologist, LGL)
- 2:45-3:00 **BREAK**
- 3:00-5:15 **Shell 2012 Monitoring Results for Beaufort and Chukchi Seas Exploratory Drilling Programs** (Michael Macrander, Science Team Lead, Shell Alaska Venture)
- Review of 2012 Operations
 - Monitoring Program Overview
 - Vessel-based Protected Species Observer Programs
 - Sound Source Characterization
 - Regional Acoustic Arrays
 - Beaufort Sea Aerial Program
 - Chukchi Sea Aerial Program
- 5:15 **Wrap-up Day 1** (Lisa O'Brien and Ron Felde, Facilitators)

Day 2—Wednesday, March 6

- 8:30-9:15 **Impacts of Seismic Surveys on Marine Mammals** (Amy Scholik-Schlomer, NMFS Office of Protected Resources Acoustic Coordinator)
- 9:15-10:15 **NOAA Acoustic Criteria** (Amy Scholik-Schlomer, NMFS Office of Protected Resources Acoustic Coordinator)
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:30-11:15 **Monitoring Reports** (Amy Scholik-Schlomer, NMFS Office of Protected Resources Acoustic Coordinator)
- 11:15-11:45 **Cumulative Effects Workshop Overview** (Melania Guerra, Postdoctoral Fellow, Bioacoustics Research Program, Cornell Lab of Ornithology)
- 11:45-12:45 **LUNCH**
- 12:45-1:15 **Arctic Biological Important Areas** (Megan Ferguson, Research Fisheries Biologist, Cetacean Ecology and Assessment Program, NMFS/NMML)
- 1:15-2:00 **Report Out from 2013 Peer Review Panel** (Megan Ferguson, Research Fisheries Biologist, Cetacean Ecology and Assessment Program, NMFS/NMML)
- 2:00-2:15 **BREAK**
- 2:15-3:15 **TGS 2013 Chukchi Sea Seismic Survey Operations and Monitoring Plans** (Steve Whidden, Project Development and Sales Manager, TGS)
- 3:15-4:15 **SA Exploration Inc. 2013 Beaufort Sea Seismic Survey Operations and Monitoring Plans** (Rick Trupp, Business Manager, SA Exploration Inc.)
- 4:15 **Wrap-up Day 2** (Lisa O'Brien and Ron Felde, Facilitators)

Day 3—Thursday, March 7

- 8:30-10:00 **ConocoPhillips 2014 Chukchi Sea Exploratory Drilling Operations and Monitoring Plans** (Mike Faust, Chukchi Program Manager, ConocoPhillips)
- 10:00-10:15 **BREAK**
- 10:15-11:15 **ION Geophysical Corporation 2013 Operations and Monitoring Plans for Beaufort Sea In-ice Seismic Survey**
- Overview of 2013 Proposed Operations (Ed Nelson, Geophysical Project Manager, ION Geophysical)
 - Marine Mammal Monitoring and Mitigation (Darren Ireland, Marine Biologist, LGL)

- 11:15-12:00 **Shell 2013 Beaufort and Chukchi Seas Ice Gouge and Geotechnical Drilling Operations and Monitoring Plan** (Michael Macrander, Science Team Lead, Shell Alaska Venture)
- 12:00-1:00 **LUNCH**
- 1:00-3:00 **Shell 2013 Beaufort and Chukchi Seas Exploratory Drilling Operations and Monitoring Plans** (Michael Macrander, Science Team Lead, Shell Alaska Venture)
- 3:00-3:15 **BREAK**
- 3:15-4:30 **Parking Lot Issues** (Lisa O'Brien and Ron Felde, Facilitators)
- 4:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**