

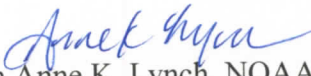


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Master Donn Pratt, NOAA
Commanding Officer, NOAA Ship *Gordon Gunter*

FROM:  CAPT NOAA
Captain Anne K. Lynch, NOAA
Commanding Officer, NOAA Marine Operations Center-Atlantic

SUBJECT: Amendment for Project Instruction for GU-15-02
Deployment and Recovery of Acoustic Moorings (Transit Leg);
N. Right Whale Survey & Biology

Attached is the final Amendment for the Project Instruction for GU-15-02, Deployment and Recovery of Acoustic Moorings (Transit Leg); N. Right Whale Survey & Biology, which is scheduled aboard NOAA Ship *Gordon Gunter* during the period of April 14 to June 13, 2015. This project is estimated to exhibit a Medium Operational Tempo. Acknowledge receipt of these instructions via e-mail to OpsMgr.MOA@noaa.gov at Marine Operations Center-Atlantic.

cc:
Nathan Keith



Addendum: GU-15-02 Northern Right Whale Cruise Instructions Operations

II. Operations

The Chief Scientist is responsible for ensuring the scientific staff are trained in planned operations and are knowledgeable of project objectives and priorities. The Commanding Officer is responsible for ensuring all operations conform to the ship's accepted practices and procedures.

- A. Project Itinerary: During the transit from Pascagoula to Woods Hole, the ship will deploy four acoustic moorings, and recover two moorings. Due to emergency dry dock, the first leg of the cruise will start on May 15th out of Newport, RI and include staging and de-staging.

April 11-13: Load acoustic moorings onto ship in Pascagoula. Embark scientific personnel who will accompany the ship during the transit.

April 14 – 27: Deploy and recover six acoustic moorings while en route between Pascagoula and Woods Hole.

April 28 - 30: Off-load two acoustic moorings; load scientific gear for Legs 1 & 2.

Key changes following post dry dock sea trials.

May 14 & 15: Load any remaining scientific gear, embark scientific personnel and depart Newport, RI on the 15th.

May 15 - 24: Survey line transects between Great South Channel/Georges Bank/Gulf of Maine as appropriate.

May 24: Scientific personnel transfer via small boat.

May 25 – June 4: Survey line transects between Great South Channel/Georges Bank/Gulf of Maine as appropriate.

June 5: Return to Newport, RI. Disembark scientific personnel, and off-load scientific equipment and samples.

June 8: Load acoustic transceiver and brief crew on acoustic mooring retrieval operations located in the vicinity of Browns Bank.

June 9 – 12: Depart Newport, RI en-route to acoustic mooring retrieval site.

June 13: Return to Newport, RI and disembark scientific personnel and rest of research gear.