

Oregon Whale Entanglement Working Group Meeting

Friday, July 21, 2017, 1pm-5pm

*Location: Englund Marine and Industrial Supply Conference Room
880 S.E. Bay Blvd., Newport, OR 97365*

Meeting goals:

- Finalize decision making processes for the group.
- Gather information about humpback whale distribution, movement and behavior in Oregon from marine mammal expert guest speaker.
- Discuss working group responses to time sensitive opportunities, including 1) communication with the broader fleet through the ODFW Annual Crab Newsletter and 2) gear modification research funding.
- Review working group goals from the first meeting and determine priorities for our third meeting.

Welcome, Introductions and Review Proposed Agenda

Introductions for all group members and guests. Introduce new group members, and members who were unable to attend first meeting. Review, revise and affirm agenda and ground rules.

Process Decisions and Official Group Name

Review options for decision-making discussed at last meeting. Discuss options and give new and absent group members an opportunity to provide input. Determine group decision-making process, and official group name.

Background: At the first meeting, the group agreed that our goal for making recommendations would be consensus. However, the group needed a method to determine working group recommendations in the absence of consensus. We discussed a simple majority vote, or a super-majority consisting of 60% or 2/3rds of voting members. Options for a quorum also included 50%, 60% or 2/3rds of members. The group needs to decide how it will put forward recommendations. For this decision only, we will use a simple majority, written vote. Thereafter, the group will use the method the group decides on.

Announcements & Updates

Brief updates on current entanglement reports for 2017, scarring research by Leigh Torres, recent developments in Canada & California, and updates from the CA Dungeness Crab Gear Working Group.

Humpback Whale Presentation and Discussion

Presentation from John Calambokidis from Cascadia Research on Humpback whale distribution, migration, and behavior off Oregon, followed by questions and discussion.

Time Sensitive Opportunities: Broader Communications

The working group has the opportunity to include targeted communication to the broader fleet in the ODFW Crab Newsletter, distributed in late October each year. If the group wishes to include something within the newsletter or as an enclosure with the newsletter, the communication product must be completed by mid-September. If the group desires, this is potentially a way to distribute an Oregon specific best practices guide ahead of the 2017-2018 crab season or deliver key messages about the group to the broader fleet.

Time Sensitive Opportunities: PSMFC funding (if time allows)

There is funding available this fall/winter to evaluate operational feasibility of gear modifications. We will briefly review [input Oregon fishermen provided](#) during the March workshop in Portland, and discuss. If appropriate, we will decide if there are any gear testing initiatives that the working group would like to endorse or recommend for further exploration.

Work Planning

The group will review the goals and potential activities discussed during the first meeting and identify which initiatives are top priority for action in the short-term.

Wrap up and Next Steps

Outline action items and responsible group members for any interim efforts, determine priority discussion topics for next meeting.

Public Comment (Maximum 10 minutes)

The group will listen to comments from visitors in attendance. Visitors are asked to keep their comments concise, respectful, and follow the ground rules of the group.

Anticipated Meeting Participants

Name	Affiliation
Bob Aue	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Susan Chambers	West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Kelly Corbett	ODFW Commercial Dungeness Crab
John Corbin	Commercial Fisherman - Astoria
Debbie Duffield	Portland State University
Bob Eder	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Sheila Garber	Englund Marine & Industrial Supply
Mike Lane	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Hugh Link	Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission
Tyler Long	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Ron Mason	Recreational Crabber - Corvallis/Newport
Tony Pettis	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Joy Primrose	Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society
Jim Rice	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute
Stuart Schuttpelz	Commercial Fisherman - Reedsport
Sarah Skamsar	Foulweather Trawl
Justin Yager	Commercial Fisherman - Newport
Oregon Sea Grant	
Amanda Gladics	Facilitator
Kaety Jacobson	Co-Facilitator
Group Members Unable to Attend	
Gway Kirchner	The Nature Conservancy
Rick Lilienthal	Commercial Fisherman - Coos Bay
Leigh Torres	OSU, Marine Mammal Institute