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Pacific Islands Regional Office  
Protected Resources Division

## False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting

**Prince Waikiki, O'ahu, Hawaii**

**100 Holomoana St, Honolulu, HI 96815**

Tuesday March 28th – 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday March 29th – 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday March 30th – 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday March 31st – 8:30 AM - 1 PM

**[LINK TO: FKT TRT Member Materials](#)**

### **Tuesday March 28, 2023**

#### **8:30 Welcome and Meeting Overview**

- ❖ Welcome & Introductions
- ❖ Agenda and Ground Rules Overview

#### **8:40 Informational Presentations**

- ❖ Fishery-area abundance
- ❖ Enforcement

#### **9:40 Agency Charge to Team**

- ❖ Meeting Objectives— Dawn Golden, *Assistant Regional Administrator*
  - Opportunity for Team clarifying questions and comments

#### **9:50 Break**

#### **10:00 Discussion: What makes an effective Take Reduction Plan?**

- ❖ Opportunity for the Team to discuss the characteristics / criteria of a wise Plan (e.g., meets MMPA goals, implementable, enforceable, etc.)?

### **10:30 Discussion (plenary): Understanding the range of potential TRP amendments**

- ❖ Brief review of current TRP measures
- ❖ Overview of range of measures considered to-date by Team
- ❖ Updates related to potential measures
  - Fighting Line Device development
    - Fishery report on design, effectiveness, handling needs, video
    - Report back from Science Center on potential impact to M&SI
    - Update on camera development
  - Other related items
- ❖ Brief discussion: Do any of these updates suggest other measures that should be under consideration this week?

### **11:45 Lunch**

### **1:00 Initial Discussion: Framing elements to be considered in a potential package**

- ❖ Initial plenary discussion: What measures do Team members think will need to be in the mix to affect M&SI rates and help us achieve the MMPA goals?
- ❖ Cross-caucus breakout discussion: Small group discussions to share perspectives on needed measures (*includes 15-minute break*)
  - Identify additional measures that could be expected to reduce M&SI
  - Identify pros and cons and any immediate (as in this week) information needs; consider ability to meet criteria identified in AM session
  - Gauge areas with potential for cross-caucus support
- ❖ Plenary discussion to hear from breakouts
  - Report back from each group; identify common measures and info needs
  - Consider overnight tasks and implications for Day Two discussion

### **5:00 Public Comment**

### **5:15 Review Key Discussion Points and Preview Day Two**

### **5:30 Team No-Host Happy Hour, Prince Waikiki**

## Wednesday March 29, 2023

Goal: Continue framing potential package recommendations

### 8:30 Welcome and Agenda Review

- ❖ Agenda Review
- ❖ Invite report back from any overnight drafting, deliberations or analyses

### 8:45 Identify Potential Amendments to TRP

- ❖ Continue discussions in both plenary and breakouts to build out potential Team recommendation. Topics to cover include:
  - Gear modifications, closures, electronic monitoring, handling guidelines, deterrents, enforcement, Observer Program needs, etc.; both regulatory and non-regulatory

### 10:15 Break

### 10:30 Continue Discussions on Potential Amendments to TRP

- ❖ Continue building out potential Team recommendations
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 12:00 Lunch

### 1:15 Continue Discussions on Potential Amendments to TRP

- ❖ Continue building out potential Team recommendations
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 2:45 Break

### 3:00 Continue Discussions on Potential Amendments to TRP

- ❖ Continue building out potential Team recommendations; begin identifying elements to include in possible consensus packages; highlight areas needing additional discussion
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 5:00 Public Comment

### 5:15 Review Key Discussion Points and Preview Day Three

- ❖ Discuss strategy for drafting summary document outlining emerging Team recommendations and outstanding questions
- ❖ Identify any overnight drafting needs

### 5:30 Adjourn

## Thursday March 30th, 2023

Goal: Continue fleshing out one or more packages of potential recommendations; discuss research needs

### 8:30 Welcome and Agenda Review

- ❖ Invite report back from any overnight deliberations or analyses

### 8:45 Continue discussions on potential TRP Amendments & refining draft package(s)

- ❖ Continue building out potential Team recommendations and refining draft packages
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 10:15 Break

### 10:30 Sharpening outlines of 1-2 draft package(s)

- ❖ Do initial test for consensus on emerging package(s); find out what areas still need discussion
- ❖ Review/refine package of recommendations and any associated write-ups
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 12:00 Lunch

### 1:15 Refining draft package

- Review/refine package of recommendations
- Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 2:45 Break

### 3:00 Draft final package for Team consideration

- ❖ Test again for consensus; as needed, make additional revisions and re-test for consensus
- ❖ Mix of plenary and cross-caucus discussions

### 5:00 Public Comment

### 5:15 Review Key Discussion Points and Preview Day Four

- ❖ Confirm strategy for drafting summary document outlining emerging Team recommendations and outstanding questions
- ❖ Identify any overnight needs

### 5:30 Adjourn

## Friday March 31th, 2023

Goal: Agree on a short summary that synthesizes the Team's key considerations and describes one or more packages of recommendations that reflect the Team's best thinking; frame approach to longer-term issues (research needs, shortline fishery)

### 8:30 Welcome and Agenda Review

### 8:45 Finalize package for Team consideration

- ❖ Take stock of any overnight deliberations
- ❖ Review/refine package of recommendations and any associated write-ups

### 9:45 Documenting package and state of play

- ❖ Summarizing rationale on areas of agreement, divergent views (majority and minority perspectives)

### 10:05 Break

### 10:25 TRP Amendment Next Steps

- ❖ NMFS shares where Team input/recommendations goes from here for TRP amendment, outlines plan for further check-ins with Team as development of rule occurs

### 10:40 Discussions: Research Needs

- ❖ Science Center presentation on possible research needs
- ❖ Breakouts to identify additional research needs and suggest priority areas
- ❖ Report back from each breakout group; identify common research needs and priorities; discuss and resolve any divergent views
- ❖ Identify strategy for drafting up research needs and priorities

### 11:40 Discussions: Shortline Fishery

- ❖ Team perspectives on merits of including shortline fishery within scope of False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan

### 12:10 Discuss next steps

- ❖ NMFS outlines plan for further check-ins with Team on TRP amendment and related items
- ❖ Meeting summary

### 12:30 Public Comment

### 12:45 Wrap up

### 1:00 Adourn