

Southern Resident Killer Whale Transboundary Naturalist Workshop
March 30-31, 2009 at Fort Worden State Park (Port Townsend, WA)
Draft Workshop Preview with Invited Speakers List
(Full agenda will be posted on-line prior to workshop)

Management/Enforcement/Human Dimensions

NOAA Fisheries and Fisheries and Oceans Canada Recovery Plan Updates with Lynne Barre (NOAA)
& Paul Cottrell (DFO)

Suzanne Russell (NOAA) – Sociocultural description of the U.S. Whale Watching Industry in Puget Sound, WA

Management/Enforcement Panel

NOAA Office for Law Enforcement, Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Vessel Interactions/Sound

Kari Koski (Soundwatch, The Whale Museum) and Nic Dedeluk (Straitwatch, Cetus Conservation Society) – Vessel monitoring and education programs trends

Deborah Giles (UC Davis/The Whale Museum) – Spatial analysis of vessel interactions

Marla Holt (NWFSC) – Vocal compensation in response to ambient noise

Dawn Noren (NWFSC) – Behavioral and energetic responses to vessels

Rob Williams (UBC) – Vessel interaction studies: similarities and differences in studies and responses

Health

Katherine Ayres (UW) – Stress hormones in fecal matter

John Durban (NWFSC) – Aerial assessment of body condition

Steve Raverty (DFO Institute of Ocean Sciences) – Background on killer whale viral studies

Pete Schroeder (Global Research and Rescue) – Breath analysis for microbes

Contaminants

Sandie O'Neill / Gina Ylitalo (WDFW/NWFSC) – Contaminant trends in potential prey from CA to Canada and prey selection by killer whales based on contaminant ratios and stable isotopes

Peggy Krahn/ Gina Ylitalo (NWFSC) – contaminant levels in SRKWs from biopsies

Teresa Mongillo (NWFSC) – model of SRKW contaminants and potential impacts

Prey Relationships

Brad Hanson (NWFSC) – prey selection from scales and fecal samples

John Ford (DFO-PBS) – prey/killer whale survival model

Eric Ward (NWFSC) – Southern Resident killer whale risk assessment – What is the risk assessment model framework and how do we determine which risk factors are the most important?

Population Status/Habitat Use

Ken Balcomb (The Center for Whale Research) – population survey, how to identify family groups, changes in behavior, status

Robin Baird (Cascadia Research Collective) – TDR results on SRKWs and habitat use.

Candice Emmons (NWFSC) – Habitat use in inland and coastal waters based on sighting, acoustic data, and NWFSC research cruises

Scott Veirs/Val Veirs/Jason Wood (Beam Reach & The Whale Museum) – hydrophone network

Pre-dinner Reception and Open House at The Port Townsend Marine Science Center

Salish Sea Association of Marine Naturalists Membership Meeting & Evening Gathering