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Subcommittee on Assessment/Synthesis of Current Knowledge

- Who are we?

- Jack Caldwell
- Gerald D'Spain
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- Bob Gisiner
- John Hildebrand
- Rodger Melton
- Jim Kendall
- Jim Miller
- Paul Nachtigall
- Naomi Rose
- Peter Tyack
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- Our Task:

1. To review and evaluate current knowledge on the impacts of anthropogenic sound on marine mammals, marine mammal populations, and other components of the marine environment
2. Identify areas of general scientific agreement and areas of uncertainty or disagreement related to such impacts

Proposed Vision for Product

- The goal of the product should be to serve as a tutorial document, **NOT a comprehensive scientific product**
- Target audience of Congress and staff, managers and decision makers (also useful and informative to judges, interest groups and other interested and involved parties)
- Identifies what topics and information need to be considered (and why)
- Translates existing information into a form that is accessible, useful and informative
- Makes summary statements regarding current knowledge: what is agreed to be known, what is uncertain, where there is disagreement, and why these are significant