

Presentation at the Third Plenary
Meeting of the Advisory Committee on
Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals
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Participant Introductions

- Name
- Organization
- One sentence describing what you or your organization hopes to achieve by participating in this Advisory Committee

Purposes of This Meeting

- Inaugurate collaborative process
- Begin to understand scope and range of views on issues through information exchange
- Establish a common language and information base
- Understand role of Committee members
- Establish working relationship and operating procedures

Overview of This Meeting

- Presentations re:
 - Sound in marine environment
 - Characteristics of sound from various sources
 - Marine mammals, hearing and sound
 - Impacts of sound on marine mammals
 - Overview of relevant government programs
- Discussion after each presenter
- Small groups begin to plan for first draft product
- Public Comment for thirty minutes at 4 PM on Day 1, 2:35 PM on Day 2
- Discuss Operating Procedures Day 3

Protocols

- Recognize cross-disciplinary interaction requires patience and openness to diverse perspectives
- All views are important and legitimate
- Participation needs to be equitable and balanced
- Expect, respect and accept disagreements
- Reducing defensiveness is responsibility of all
- Be tough on issues, not on each other
- Recognize that not all important topics will be covered in detail at this meeting

Protocols

- Facilitators' role in meeting
 - Work for full group to ensure integrity of process
 - Keep focus on topic at hand
 - Balance the participation by recognizing those wishing to speak
 - Summarize to move things along
 - Assist in navigating rough spots
 - Manage the public comment process

Role of Committee Members

- Represent your organization's point of view or that of a segment of the public
- Participate in meetings with an eye toward producing a joint product that your organization can endorse
- Share information that will assist the Committee in achieving its goal
- When you have concerns raise them in the Committee, not in outside forums

Alternate's Role

- Participate in discussion when member is not present
- Stay informed by reading background materials and meeting summaries
- Assist the member in obtaining input from and sharing information with organization or constituency

Public Comment

- Public commenters are asked to abide by the protocols for the meeting, namely, do not make personal attacks, be concise and on point, and if you wish to disagree, do so respectfully

Guidelines for Public Comment

- Sign-up at the registration table as early in the day as possible and at least 15 minutes before the designated public comment time.
- The time available will be divided equally among those who have indicated their desire to make a public comment.
- Commenters are asked to abide by the protocols for the meeting, namely, no personal attacks, be concise and on point, and if you wish to disagree, do it respectfully.
- Written comments are accepted at any time.

Overview of Committee Schedule

- February 3-5, 2004 – Introduction to Process and Issues – Bethesda, MD
- April 28-30, 2004 – Current and Proposed Risk Guidelines – Crystal City, VA
- July 27-29, 2004 – Status of Knowledge, Research Priorities, Barriers to Research – Southern CA
- November 2004 – Management and Mitigation Issues - New Orleans, LA
- February 2005 – Review Draft Report – Washington, DC

Related Workshops

- Not FACA meetings, but Committee members encouraged to attend
- April 13-16, 2004 – Beaked Whale Technical Workshop – Baltimore, MD
- May 18-19, 2004 – Shipping Symposium – Arlington, VA
- Fall, 2004 – International Regulatory and Scientific Efforts Workshop - Europe