

Draft Outline (Version 2, as revised July 29, 2004)
Final Report
Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals

Executive summary

Introduction

Process description (mostly contained in appendix)

Context (acknowledge benefits of using sound in ocean including lack of alternatives to accomplish goals of use of sound, and marine mammal concerns that arise.

How we got here

State of Scientific Knowledge

1. Introduction (cite appendix? Or include the section?)
2. What we know
3. Uncertainty
4. Disagreement
5. (To peer review or not to peer review?)
6. Strandings
7. Scientific information needs
8. Conclusions and recommendations
 - a. Priorities

Research Issues (or move after Mitigation and Management?)

1. Current status and adequacy of marine mammal research funding by government and their partners?
2. How should government and their partners fund marine mammal research (process)?
3. Coordination and Access to Research
4. Permitting of research efforts
 - a. Streamlining research permitting
5. Animal welfare considerations
6. Information need prioritization (process)
7. Conclusions and recommendations

Mitigation and Management

1. Introduction (cite appendix? Or include the section?)
2. Description of the requirements for management of impacts
3. Sound sources subject to management

4. Components of Management Systems
 - a. Research
 - b. Risk assessment
 - c. Permitting and other regulatory processes
 - d. Mitigation Tools
 - e. Enforcement and compliance, including reporting
 - f. Monitoring and evaluation
5. Policy Issues
6. Conclusions and recommendations
 - a. Mitigation priorities, including mitigation-related research

International Efforts to Reduce Impacts of Noise on Marine Mammals

1. Summary of International workshop
 - a. Conclusions and recommendations
2. Domestic practices in other countries
3. International and regional legal conventions

Comprehensive Summary of Recommendations

1. [Overlaps, differences and gaps from previous reports (NAS studies, Oceans Policy Commission, Pew Oceans Commission, IWC, others?)]
2. Rolled up priorities

Vision for the Next Decade(s)

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Appendices

Process (members, meetings, FACA Charter, Assessment Report)
Mitigation report
Beaked whale workshop report
International workshop report
Etc...