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DRAFT AGENDA FOR THIRD WORKSHOP ON LARGE WHALE ENTANGLEMENT ISSUES

Provincetown, MA (USA), April 21-23, 2015: Day one

1. Introductions
2. Nominate Chair and Rapporteur(s)
3. Review and adopt Agenda
4. New information since 2011 workshop
 - 4.1. Aspects of reports from relevant workshops in 2011-2014 (where not applicable to other agenda items)
 - 4.2. New or unusual relevant cases since 2011 (Guadalupe, Korea)
 - 4.3. New tools or techniques (net cutters, cutting grapple...etc.)
 - 4.4. New safety or risk assessment tools or protocols
5. Review of IWC Capacity Building
 - 5.1. Summary of work since last meeting (challenges, successes).
 - 5.2. Overview of **newly trained** participating national networks (e.g. Brazil, Mexico, Panama, UK)
 - 5.3. Review of strategy, curriculum and prioritization
 - 5.4. Should stranding and/or other complementary capacity building be added? In what instances? (e.g. Wider Caribbean, Oman....etc.)
 - 5.5. Discussion of cooperation between Government and private sector (NGO, fishers, ecotour....etc): advice for success?
 - 5.6. Review of different approaches to legal authority (e.g. in different countries)
6. Review of principles and guidelines (safety, procedures, decisions, toward prevention) and training curricula
 - 6.1. Considerations for less than ideal situations
 - 6.1.1. Advice to artisanal fishers (Latin America, Arabian Sea...etc)
 - 6.1.2. Using heavier boats when inflatable is not available.
 - 6.1.3. "Remote" advice to non-trained responders (e.g. Chile right whale, Russian gray whale, Panama humpback....etc.)
7. Improvements in assessment and documentation of events (e.g. determining gear type and configuration, whale species, health and stress)
 - 7.1. New information on impacts to individuals and populations

Day two

- 7.2. New tools for veterinary assessment?
- 7.3. Determining gear/debris type and origin
 - 7.3.1. Best methods to determine fishing gear.
 - 7.3.2. Marine debris
 - 7.3.3. Retrieved gear archiving
- 7.4. quad copters
- 8. Database components and structure:
 - 8.1. Overview of existing data collection, archival and databases
 - 8.1.1. US National
 - 8.1.2. Hawaii and Pacific
 - 8.1.3. CCS
 - 8.1.4. Canada (BC, Newfoundland and Labrador).
 - 8.1.5. Australia
 - 8.1.6. S. Africa
 - 8.1.7. Other: (Duke Univ.)
 - 8.2. Review of current ongoing information gathered by IWC and other IGO or NGOs.
 - 8.2.1. IWC National progress reports
 - 8.2.2. Other: UN Regional Seas, WAP
 - 8.3. Brief review of IWC ship strike database (e.g. structure, challenges, pros and cons)
 - 8.4. Recommendations to IWC
 - 8.4.1. Improved Nat. Prog. Rep. only, or full web-based, public entry
 - 8.4.2. Important data fields
 - 8.4.3.
- 9. New tools or protocols for euthanasia (esp. at sea)
 - 9.1. See review of euthanasia workshop
 - 9.2. Penthrite grenade gun (pros and cons, costs, appropriateness for different species...etc.)

10. Interfacing with the public

10.1. Working with media

10.2. Working with fishers

Day Three

11. Gathering and analysing information toward prevention

11.1. What is currently happening in various regions?

12. Other business

13. Review and accept report (late morning and afternoon).