Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Recovery Team

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General Meeting Rules

• Please turn your phones and gadgets off

• Be respectful of the person speaking

• Challenge ideas, not people

• Listen

• Make a strong effort to stay on track with the agenda and to move the discussion forward

• Avoid grandstanding; give others a chance to speak

• Don’t take it personally if Team Leader has to move discussion along
Distribute this week’s agenda and review

Welcome observers and review ground rules
Observers are welcome to attend the CIBRT Meetings

Observers are requested to remain silent during the meetings, except for during the designated observer comment period at the end of each day’s meeting. Disruptive observers will be asked to leave the meeting.

Please turn cell phones OFF. Please no video or flash photography.

Observers are asked to please respect the Panel Members’ privacy during break times.

Observers are asked to use the chairs provided for them arranged along the wall and to reserve the seats at the tables for Panel Members.

At the end of each day’s meeting, observers may ask questions of the Panel.

– Questions should be based on that day’s meeting.
– Questions to the Science Panel must be about science.
– Questions about policy and/or statements of opinion may be made to the Stakeholder Panel during the designated comment time at the end of the Stakeholder Panel Meeting.

In accordance with the teams Terms of Reference, meetings are to discuss Recovery of the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale.

More information about the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Recovery Plan can be found online at: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/beluga/recovery/ci.htm
Welcome

Jon Kurland

Assistant Regional Administrator
Protected Resources, NMFS AK
Erin

- Safety talk
- Travel
- Reimbursement of expenses
- Refreshments

- Need for quiet for recording meeting summaries
CIBRT Meetings

- Joint Panel meeting #1: March 2010
- Stakeholder Panel meeting #2: Sept 2010
- Science Panel meeting #2: Dec 2010
- Stakeholder Panel meeting #3: Jan 2011
- Joint Panel meeting April 2011 cancelled
- Joint Panel meeting Nov 2011
- Science Panel Meeting #4: Jan 2012
All meeting summaries, agendas, and presentations:

www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/beluga/recovery/ci.htm
CIBRT Science Panel Progress to Date

Outline of CIB Recovery Plan

Draft of Background Section

Draft Recovery Criteria: in review by Stakeholders

Developing Threats Assessment

Developing Recovery Actions: Research Gaps and Priorities

Management Actions
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# Draft Recovery Plan Timeline

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Recovery Criteria (NMFS Guidance)

- The goals of the Cook Inlet beluga whale recovery plan will be to **downlist** and **delist** the whales based on specific criteria.

- The objectives are broad statements about the recovery needs for Cook Inlet belugas.

- The criteria are the **objective and measurable** metrics by which we identify whether the objectives have been met.
Recovery Criteria (NMFS Guidance)

Criteria must relate back to the 5 factors (threats) considered in the listing:

- Habitat loss and degradation
- Over-utilization
- Disease or predation
- Inadequate regulations
- Other natural or anthropogenic factors affecting the species
The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.

- Joseph Joubert