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U.S. Pacific Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports, Scientific Review Group Activities & Supporting Documents

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The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) develop Stock Assessment Reports (SARs) for all marine mammal stocks that occur regularly in U.S. waters. These reports are based upon the best available scientific information and include information on the distribution, abundance, population trends, human-caused mortality, and the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) of each stock. PBR is defined as the maximum number of individuals that can be removed from the stock while allowing it to remain at or above its optimum sustainable population level (OSP). If human-caused mortality is estimated to exceed the PBR, the stock is designated as "strategic", and, when possible, measures are identified and implemented to reduce mortality.

Stock assessment reports are reviewed annually for strategic stocks and for stocks for which new information is available, and at least once every three years for all other stocks. Drafts of Pacific Stock Assessment Reports are reviewed by the Pacific Scientific Review Group (PSRG) prior to being made available for public comment. The Pacific Scientific Review Group is an independent panel, consisting of marine mammal researchers, wildlife managers, industry representatives, tribes, and conservation group representatives, whose task is to review stock assessments and advise NMFS on current and future management and research. Preliminary research reports and data analyses are also reviewed by the PSRG prior to publishing final SARs. Some of these reports appear as "gray literature" and can be found at the [Publications Page](#) of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center's [EEZ Mammals and Acoustics Program](#). *These stock assessment reports summarize information from a wide range of sources and an extensive bibliography of all sources is given in each report. We urge users of these documents to refer to and cite original literature sources rather than citing this report or previous stock assessment reports.*

PACIFIC SCIENTIFIC REVIEW GROUP: MEETING MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO NMFS

- [November 2010 \(21st meeting in Kona, HI\)](#)
- [November 2009 \(20th meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
- [November 2008 \(19th meeting in Maui, HI\)](#)
- [January 2008 \(18th meeting in Monterey, CA\)](#)
- [November 2006 \(17th meeting in Seattle, WA\)](#)
- [November 2005 \(16th meeting in Honolulu, HI\)](#)
- [January 2005 \(15th meeting in Santa Cruz, CA\)](#)
- [November 2003 \(14th meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
- [November 2002 \(13th meeting in Maui, HI\)](#)

[January 2002 \(12th meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
[November 2000 \(11th meeting in Astoria, OR\)](#)
[December 1999 \(10th meeting in Maui, HI\)](#)
[April 1999 \(9th meeting in Seattle, WA\)](#)

[Report of the Joint Scientific Review Group Workshop, April 13-14, 1999, Seattle, WA](#)

[November 1998 \(8th meeting in Seattle, WA\)](#)
[March 1998 \(7th meeting in Honolulu, HI\)](#)
[October 1997 \(6th meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
[May 1997 \(5th meeting in Seattle, WA\)](#)
[July 1996 \(4th meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
[April 1995 \(3rd meeting in Kaanapali, HI\)](#)
[December 1994 \(2nd meeting in La Jolla, CA\)](#)
[October 1994 \(1st meeting in Seattle, WA, Appendix IV\)](#)

DOCUMENTS USED IN PREPARATION OF MARINE MAMMAL STOCK ASSESSMENTS

[NMFS. 2005. Revisions to Guidelines for Assessing Marine Mammal Stocks \(GAMMS II\). 24 pp.](#)

[Differentiating Serious and Non-Serious Injury of Marine Mammals: Report of the Serious Injury Technical Workshop 10-13 September 2007, Seattle, Washington. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-OPR-39. 108 pp.](#)

Further information and background on the Marine Mammal Protection Act and U.S. Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports can be found at the [NMFS Office of Protected Resources Stock Assessment Reports](#) web site, and in the following references:

[The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 \(as amended through 1997\)](#)

Taylor, B.L., P.R. Wade, D.P. DeMaster, and J. Barlow. 2000. [Incorporating uncertainty into management models of marine mammals](#). Conservation Biology 14: 1243-1252.

Barlow J., S.L. Swartz, T.C. Eagle, and P.R. Wade. 1995. [U.S. Marine Mammal Stock Assessments: Guidelines for Preparation, Background, and a Summary of the 1995 Assessments](#). NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-OPR-95-6. 76p.

Wade, P.R. and Angliss R.P., 1997. Guidelines for Assessing Marine Mammal Stocks: Report of the GAMMS Workshop, April 3-5, 1996, Seattle, WA. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-OPR-12.

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