

Whale monitoring in the New York Bight: Workshop Agenda
Thursday January 16, 2014, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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- 9:00 Welcome and introductions
- 9:15 Setting the stage and introductory remarks (Matt Schlesinger, NYNHP; Lisa Bonacci, DEC)
- 9:30 **Presentations 1**
Rob DiGiovanni, Riverhead Foundation: "Aerial surveys in New York and beyond"
Susan Parks, Syracuse University: "Behavioral insights from tagging technology"
Sofie van Parijs, NOAA: "Using passive acoustics to improve management and conservation of marine mammals in the Western Atlantic"
Aaron Rice, Bioacoustics Research Program, Cornell: "Whale acoustic surveys along the U.S. Atlantic Coast: Understanding multi-species population dynamics over broad spatial and temporal scales"
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 **Presentations 2**
Howard Rosenbaum, Wildlife Conservation Society: "Contrasting & integrating various whale survey approaches: Considerations for the NY Bight"
Debi Palka, NOAA: "AMAPPS aerial and shipboard surveys"
Tim Cole, NOAA: "NOAA aerial surveys for right whales in the Northeast Region"
Amy Whitt, Geo-Marine: "Ecological Baseline Study off New Jersey"
Scott Kraus, New England Aquarium: "Field Studies of Whales and Sea Turtles for Offshore Alternative Energy Planning in Massachusetts"
- 12:45 **Lunch** (provided)
- 1:15 **Discussion:** What are the most appropriate combinations of techniques for long-term monitoring of whale occupancy and residence time in the New York Bight?
Key considerations: 1) Technical feasibility and limitations of methods; 2) Coordination with regional and neighboring monitoring; 3) Cost—think about three tiers of expense (e.g., minimum, moderate, and ideal), 4) Auxiliary data on abundance, other species of interest
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Discussion (continued)
- 4:15 Next steps and closing remarks
- 4:30 Workshop adjourns