

**Draft Agenda**  
**FIRST INTERSESSIONAL WORKSHOP OF WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BRYDE'S WHALE**  
**IMPLEMENTATION**  
**Tuesday 25 October – Saturday 29 October 2005**  
**National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries, Shizuoka, Japan**

The primary objective of the Workshop is to develop an appropriate *Implementation Simulation Trials* structure and to specify the associated conditioning so that it can be carried out before the following Annual Meeting. Note that after this workshop: (1) there shall be no changes to the agreed trials structure that implements the agreed plausible hypotheses; (2) no new data will be considered. However, new analyses of existing data can be presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting, and, after reviewing the results of the conditioning, the *Implementation Trials* can be changed even though the overall structure can not. NB.

Further details of the process can be found in *J. Cetacean Res. Manage* 7 (suppl.): 86

**1 INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- 1.1 Convenor's opening remarks**
- 1.2 Election of Chair and appointment of rapporteurs**
- 1.3 Adoption of agenda**
- 1.4 Review of documents**

**2 HYPOTHESES FOR INCLUSION IN TRIALS**

- 2.1 Stock structure and mixing**
  - 2.1.1 *Review of hypotheses presented at the pre-implementation assessment*
  - 2.1.2 *Results of 'Simple Model Filter'*
  - 2.1.3 *Final choice of plausible stock hypotheses for inclusion in trials<sup>1</sup>*
- 2.2  $g(0)$**
- 2.3 MSYR**
- 2.4 Alternative catch series**

**3 SPECIFICATION OF IMPLEMENTATION SIMULATION TRIAL STRUCTURE**

- 3.1 Selection of sub-areas**
- 3.2 Specification of expected future operations**
- 3.3 Future survey plans**
- 3.4 Base-case and robustness trials**

**4 CONDITIONING**

- 4.1 Abundance estimates and variances**
- 4.2 Marking data**
- 4.3 Biological parameters**

**5 SPECIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

- 5.1 Potential *Small Area* definitions**
- 5.2 Potential Management variants**

**6 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS AND PRESENTATION OF RESULTS**

**7 CONSIDERATION OF WAYS TO DISTINGUISH AMONG COMPETING STOCK HYPOTHESES**

**8 WORK REQUIRED PRIOR TO 2006 ANNUAL MEETING**

- 8.1 Schedule**
- 8.2 TOR for the intersessional group to facilitate conduct of this work**

**9 ADOPTION OF REPORT**

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<sup>1</sup> NB We will eliminate any hypotheses that are inconsistent with the data