AGENDA

Introduction
Presentation: ASCOBANS Conservation Objectives – Sinéad Murphy
Presentation: Introduction to genetic methods on estimating population size and identifying management units – Rus Hoelzel

Topic: A) Setting a short-term practical conservation sub-objective to restore and/or maintain populations at 80% or more of carrying capacity.

Discussion Points:
Carrying Capacity
Percentages and Probabilities used in Setting Conservation Objectives
Time Periods

Topic: B) Approaches to Setting Bycatch Limits (incorporating other anthropogenic removals)
Presentation: Approaches used in the US for setting limits to removals – Paul Wade
Presentation: Approaches used in the OSPAR region of Europe for setting limits to removals – Matthieu Authier
Presentation: Alternative methods used whilst also incorporating stochasticity – Oliver Manlik

Discussion Points:
Potential Biological Removals (PBR)
Modified PBR
Removals Limit Algorithm (RLA)
Anthropogenic Pressures
Variation in Life History Parameters
Management/Assessment Units
Incorporating Stochasticity
Threshold Setting Approaches
Management Action Response Times