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## WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESTIMATE BYCATCH FOR THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT IMPORT PROVISIONS

For decades, the U.S. government has fostered practices to estimate and reduce marine mammal bycatch in U.S. fisheries. Now, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Import Provisions, a new rule requiring nations that export fish and fish products to the U.S. to adhere to bycatch standards comparable to those of the U.S. Many of the affected nations may not have sufficient data or the internal monitoring and regulatory capacity to track, evaluate, and reduce marine mammal mortality. Recognizing this, a new working group, led by Dr. André Punt of the University of Washington (UW) and as part of the UW's Ocean Modeling Forum (OMF), is now underway to develop scientific tools to evaluate data sets and methods for determining bycatch rates for marine mammal populations.

### Webinar agenda

In this webinar, Co-chairs Dr. André Punt and Dr. Tessa Francis, and colleagues will provide an overview of the working group, including its charge and the products the working group plans to develop over the next two years.

- 1. Introduction (5 minutes)**  
Emily Knight, Lenfest Ocean Program
- 2. Working group charge (10 minutes)**  
Dr. Tessa Francis, University of Washington Tacoma
- 3. Overview of working group projects (10 minutes)**  
Dr. André Punt, University of Washington
- 4. Developing user-friendly, web-based tools for exporting nations (10 minutes)**  
Dr. Margaret Siple, University of Washington
- 5. Next steps and how to get involved (5 minutes)**  
Dr. André Punt, University of Washington
- 6. Question and answer (15 minutes)**  
Moderated by Emily Knight, Lenfest Ocean Program  
Attendees may submit questions by typing them into the Q&A panel in Webex.  
Questions will be read aloud to the presenters in the order they came.

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## Working group members

- André Punt, Chair, University of Washington
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- Rob Williams, Co-Chair, Oceans Initiative
- Philip Hammond, University of St. Andrews
- Jeffrey Moore, NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center
- Andrew Read, Duke University
- Randall Reeves, Okapi Wildlife Associates
- Maritza Sepulveda, University of Valparaiso
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