

43RD Annual Meeting of the Pacific Seabird Group
Turtle Bay Resort, Turtle Bay, Hawai‘i
February 10-13, 2016

North Pacific Albatross Working Group Meeting

Meeting Time: 3:30 pm, February 11, 2016 – O‘ahu Room

AGENDA

Welcome and introductions, opening remarks and overview of the 2016 meeting agenda, NPAWG administrative business, special announcements.

Information updates and presentations

1. Lisa Ballance, NMFS – Update and overview of US National Seabird Program, new research themes and priority conservation needs of albatrosses in the North Pacific.
2. Beth Flint, USFWS – Status of populations and ongoing monitoring efforts in the NWHI, discussion of monitoring constraints, new research and collaboration, ACAP updates.
3. Roberta Swift, USFWS – Update on the Laysan (and Black-footed) albatross demography study and renewed funding in 2015.
4. Ed Melvin, University of Washington – Update on the Alaska seabird bycatch project – efforts to engage fishermen to prevent albatross bycatch, time series analysis, and brief update on new project with Purdue University to characterize the visual systems of seabirds.
5. Leah Kenney, USFWS – Update on the recently completed Biological Opinion related to the effects of ground-fisheries on Short-tailed albatross.
6. Shannon Fitzgerald, NMFS – Alaska fisheries bycatch update, Short-tailed albatross incidental take, and Seabird Necropsy Program.

7. John Peschon, NMFS – Update on 2014 albatross bycatch and interaction associated with Hawai‘i’s deep and shallow set longline fisheries, observations of Short-tailed albatross.
8. Ann Humphrey, USFWS – Observations of mice attacking albatross on Midway Atoll NWR and management actions considered.
9. Eric VanderWerf and Lindsay Young, Pacific Rim Conservation – Translocation of Laysan albatross in the MHI, Laysan albatross demographic research on O‘ahu, criminal activities at Kaena Point.
10. Kim Uyehara or Beth Flint, USFWS – Laysan albatross chick banding fractures on Kaua‘i in 2015, recommendations and special precautions, continued vigilance.

Discussion

Adjournment

