

## Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Seal Research Consortium: Seals and Ecosystem Health

May 1st and 2nd 2015, Salem State University

Day 1 May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015      Ellis Campus Center, Martin Luther King Room

Time	Title	Presenter
8:00-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:30	Welcome	NASRC Steering Committee
9:30-10:30	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Seals and Ecosystem Health</b>
		<b>Padraig Duignan</b>
10:30-10:45	Coffee	Sponsored Salem State University Biology Department
10:45-11:00	North Atlantic grey seals ( <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> ) may be an underappreciated reservoir host for Influenza A Virus	Wendy B. Puryear
11:00-11:15	Muskeget: Raw, Restless, Relentless Island	Crocker Snow
11:15-11:30	Weanlings, Natural Mortalities and presentation of disease (or "Weanlings Don't Suck")	S. R. Williams
11:30-11:45	A Parasite-Pinniped-Fisheries Interaction: Codworm ( <i>Pseudoterranova</i> ) in Atlantic Cod ( <i>Gadus morhua</i> ) in the Gulf of Maine	Lauren A. Bamford
11:45-12:00	Whalenet	Michael Williamson
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:15	Gray seal occurrence and human interaction observations at the Chatham Fish Pier	CT Harry
1:15-1:30	Regional Pinniped Education and Outreach Strategy	Mendy Garron
1:30-1:45	Preliminary observations on habitat use, residency, and site fidelity of white sharks in the coastal waters of Cape Cod, MA.	Gregory B. Skomal
1:45-2:00	Seal and Canid Interactions in SE Massachusetts	Betty Lentell
2:00-2:15	Long term study on the feeding ecology of northeast U.S. Atlantic harbor seals ( <i>Phoca vitulina concolor</i> )	Frederick W. Wenzel

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2:15-2:30		Characterizing bite marks for the identification of depredation sources in the Northeast sink-gillnet fishery	Laura Sirak
2:30-2:45		Two decades of Aerial surveys and Satellite tracking of harbor seal ( <i>Phoca vitulina</i> ) and gray seal ( <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> ) in Southern New England, Connecticut and New York Waters	Robert Di Giovanni
2:45-3:10	Coffee		
3:10-3:25		Conflicts in Coastal Coexistence: A Qualitative Investigation of Seals and Fisheries Interactions on Cape Cod	Kali Pereira
3:25-3:40		Case Study of Cape Cod: Seals and Stakeholders	Anja MacDonald
3:40-3:55		Suitability of Mount Desert Rock, Maine for grey seal ( <i>Halichoerus grypus</i> ) parturition	Rebecca A. Frowine
3:55-4:10		Exploring Seal Sense as Inspiration for Technology Development	Christin Murphy
4:10-4:30	Summary		NASRC Steering Committee
4:30-6:30	Reception		

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Day 2 May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 Ellis Campus Center, Underground (downstairs)

Time	Title		Presenter
9-9:15	Announcements		
9:15-9:30	Valerie Rough Award		Robert Di Giovanni, Andrea Bogomolni
9:30-10:30	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Marine Mammals and Ecosystem Functioning: what can recovering seal populations teach us?</b>	<b>Peter Corkeron</b>
10:30-10:45	Coffee		
11:00-11:15	Panel Discussion	Addressing perception vs reality: how data (or lack of data) affects public perceptions and management decisions.	Kristen Patchett, Facilitator
11:15- 11:30	Introduction to panelists		Jennifer Jackman, Chris Reeves, Gordon Waring, Peter Corkeron
11:30-12:30	Lunch		
12:30-3:00	Panel questions and discussion		
3:00-3:15	Coffee		
3:15-3:45	Panel Round Up		
3:45-5:00	Meeting Synthesis	Priorities, concerns, changing perceptions, future needs and directions	