

Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Seal Research Consortium 2018
 Seals Science and Management: Where Research and Reason Meet
 April 27th 2018
 SMAST New Bedford, MA

Time		Title	Presenter
8:30- 9:00	Registration		
9:00-9:10	Welcome		
9:10-10:00	Keynote Address	To ‘Like” or not to “Like”? Is that the questions about seals in a world of constantly changing use and social value?	Sean Hayes
10:00-10:15	Coffee		
10:20-10:35		Stakeholder Views of Seals on Nantucket, MA: Lessons learned for coexistence	Jennifer Jackman
10:35-10:50		Insights to gray seal (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) foraging behavior in southern New England using stable isotopes and DNA barcoding	Keith Hernandez
10:50-11:00		Megaesophagus in maternally dependent harbor seals (<i>Phoca vitulina</i>)	Kathy Zagzebski/ R. Williams
11:00-11:10		Mycoplasma species isolated from respiratory tissue of phocids in the Gulf of Maine, 2011 - 2017	Katie Pugliares-Bonner
11:10-11:20		Annual health assessments at gray seal rookeries provide a window into the health of the regional population	Wendy Puryear
11:20-11:30		The Interspecific Interactions and Habitat Preferences of Harbor Seals (<i>Phoca vitulina concolor</i>) and Gray Seals (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) on Duck Island and Ledges, ME	Kadianne Tomassi
11:30-11:40		Monitoring harbor seal displacement by grey seals in the Western New York Bight	Paul Sieswerda/ A. Kopelman
11:40-11:55			Rob DiGiovanni
11:55-12:10		Gray seals (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) and Harbor Seals (<i>Phoca vitulina</i>) in the endless winter	
		Thirty - four years watching seal haul out behavior in southern and downeast Maine	Gale McCullough

12:10-12:55	Lunch	Posters/Artwork	
12:55-1:10		An Overview of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Seal Research Program	Kimberly Murray
1:10-1:25		Genetic Diversity from Pre-bottleneck to Recovery in Sympatric Pinnipeds in the Northwest Atlantic	Sarah Vincze
1:25-1:35		Contrasting trends in gray seal (<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>) pup production throughout the increasing northwest Atlantic metapopulation	Stephanie Wood/N. den Heyer
1:35-1:45		First Successful Satellite Tag Deployment on Wild-Captured Harbor Seals in Virginia	Monica DeAngelis
1:45-1:55		The Roles of an Incidental Take Biologist	Johanna Pedersen/ S. Petrus
1:55-2:05		Developing standardized protocols for seal surveys to study the occurrence of entanglement in gray seals (<i>Halichoerus grypus atlantica</i>) and harbor seals (<i>Phoca vitulina vitulina</i>) at New England haul-outs.	Lisa Sette
2:05-2:15		Passive acoustic monitoring of white sharks reveals contrasting coastal migration and residency patterns off Cape Cod and beyond	Megan Winton
2:15-2:30		Who's got seals?	Jack Paar
2:30-2:45		Pinnipeds and Federal Policy: the good, the bad and the ugly	Sharon Young
2:45-3:00	Coffee		
3:00-3:10		"Seals, Science, and Management: Where Research and Reason Meet"	Facilitator: Kristen Patchett
3:10-4:30	Panel Introduction	The Elephant (seal) in the Room	
	Panel Discussion	Panel and NASRC Participants: Q&A	
	Panel Round Up	Recommendations	
4:50-5:00	Valerie Rough Award		
5:00-5:20	Open Conversation	NASRC: The Plan Ahead	
5:20- 5:30	Meeting Synthesis	Priorities, concerns, changing perceptions, future needs and directions	
Post-Conference Gathering: Me and Ed's New Bedford, MA			