

**\*\*DRAFT AGENDA — SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***

**Ropeless Consortium Meeting Agenda**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

8:00am Registration and coffee

8:30am **Welcome and scientific update**

*WHOI – Michael Moore*

8:45am **Update from the Take Reduction Team meeting**

*Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium – Scott Kraus*

9:00am **Ropeless gear retrieval and marking systems**

**Marking**

*WHOI – Mark Baumgartner*

**Retrieval**

*Desert Star – Marco Flagg*

*SME LTS – Richard Preston Riels*

*Edgetech – Robert Merrill Morris*

*Fiomarine – John Fiotakis*

*Ashored – Aaron Stevenson*

*WHOI – Keenan Ball*

**20 minute discussion**

11:05am **Break**

11:20am **Experimental gear testing and feedback**

*Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association and IFAW– Dave Casoni, Beth Casoni and CT Harry*

*Association des Crabiers Acadiens – Robert Hache*

*California Dungeness Crab Fishery and Oceana – Geoff Shester*

*South Shore Lobster –Richard Riels and Mark Baumgartner*

*NEFSC Protected Species Gear Research – Henry Milliken [5 minutes]*

**20 minute discussion**

12:45pm **Lunch**

1:45pm **Experimental fisheries and regulatory and policy change**

*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association– Mike Asaro*

*Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Ed Trippel*

*Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries – Erin Burke*

**20 minute discussion**

2:50pm **Break**

3:05pm **Market interests: building a whale-safe advantage and investment opportunities**

*Marine Stewardship Council – Marin Hawk*

*Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium – Michelle Cho*

*Angelus Funding - Nick Lukianov and Stephan Reckie*

**20 minute discussion**

4:10pm **Wrap-up and development plan**

*WHOI – Michael Moore*

4:30pm **Election of Ropeless Consortium Board**

*Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium – Heather Pettis*

5:00pm **End of meeting**