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# Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management

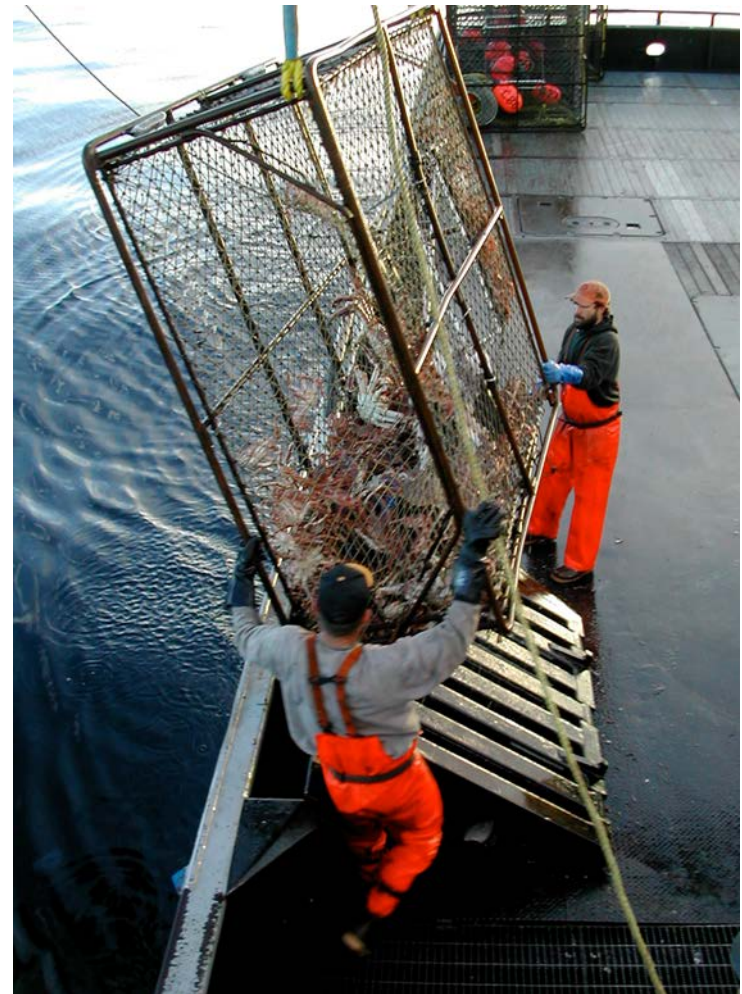
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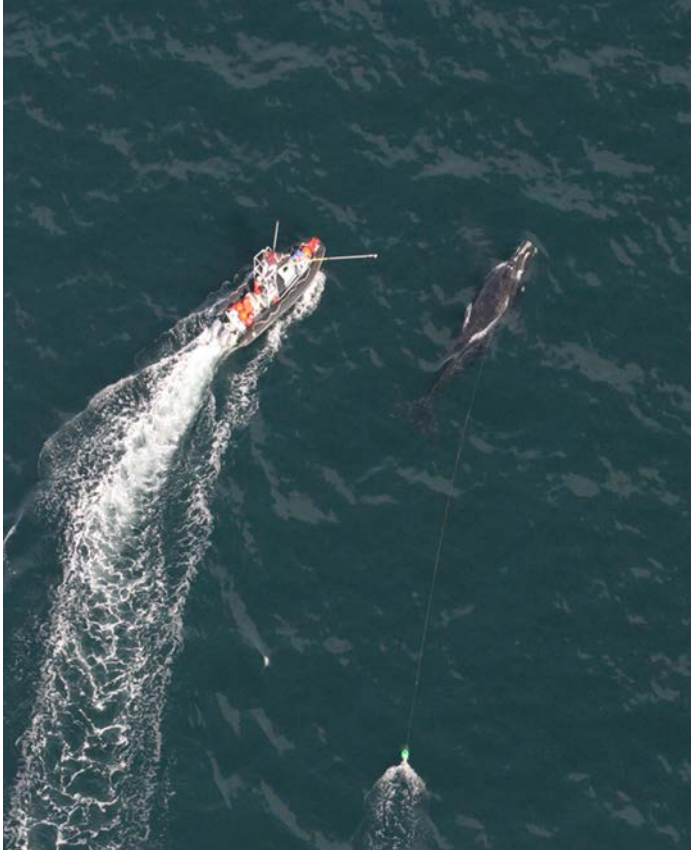
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# Leadership Council Task

- Broad View of Issue
- Comprised of Headquarters and Regional NOAA Fisheries Employees
- Look at Successes and Failures of Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management; Lessons Learned



# Terms of Reference: Outcomes



- White paper summarizing the critical success factors of cooperative research and cooperative management
- Document an inventory of examples (whether successful or unsuccessful)
- Discuss best practices, and impediments/challenges
- Make recommendations to NOAA Leadership Council

# White Paper Development

- Working group of 19 NMFS employees from around the country
- 50 Internal interviews from around the country
- 9 External interviews
- Letter writer round table
- West Coast Fisheries Forum



# Cooperative Management vs. Co-Management:

## Examples of Cooperative Management:

- Regional Fishery Management Council process
- Cooperative research through which stakeholders are actively engaged in data collection and scientific research
- Take Reduction Teams (TRTs)
- Bycatch Reduction Studies

## Reserve Co-Management for:

- Management of marine resources with States and Federally-recognized Indian Tribes

# Attributes for Successful Cooperative Research and Cooperative Management

- A clear legal framework
- An organized stakeholder group, with leadership
- Clear roles for partners, stakeholders and NOAA Fisheries personnel
- Clear goals
- Buy-in of partners and stakeholders
- Trust between stakeholders and NOAA Fisheries personnel
- Transparent and clearly understood decision-making process
- Strong and regular communication
- Matching the scale of the cooperative management system with the distribution and mobility of the managed species
- Use of results to make fishery management decision making
- Funding

# Advance Cooperative Management

## *Internal*

- Trust
- Collaboration
- Communication/listening
- Flexibility in rules
- Funding (obstacle)

## *External*

- NOAA Fisheries needs to embrace cooperative management
- **Communication**
- **Flexibility in Rules**
- **Funding (obstacle)**



# Advance Cooperative Research

## *Internal*

- Collaboration: communication, building relationships and trust
- Standards and goals
- Changing Agency attitudes
- Assess where it is beneficial and what allows for success
- Funding
- Increase leadership

## *External*

- **Foster collaboration/ more inclusive by early engagement**
- **Define/communicate research goals**
- **Increase leadership**
- Streamline the EFP and grants processes
- **Increase or better utilize funding**



# Recommendations

- Provide one set of comments on the recommendations to Heather Sagar by June 26, 2015.





# Any Questions?

