



# Overview of the Commission & Preview of 2017 Annual Meeting

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#### About MMC

- Independent federal agency created by Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Protect and conserve marine mammals and their environment
- Oversight of domestic and international policies and actions related to marine mammals and their habitat



# Who We Are

#### Commissioners







Committee of Scientific Advisors

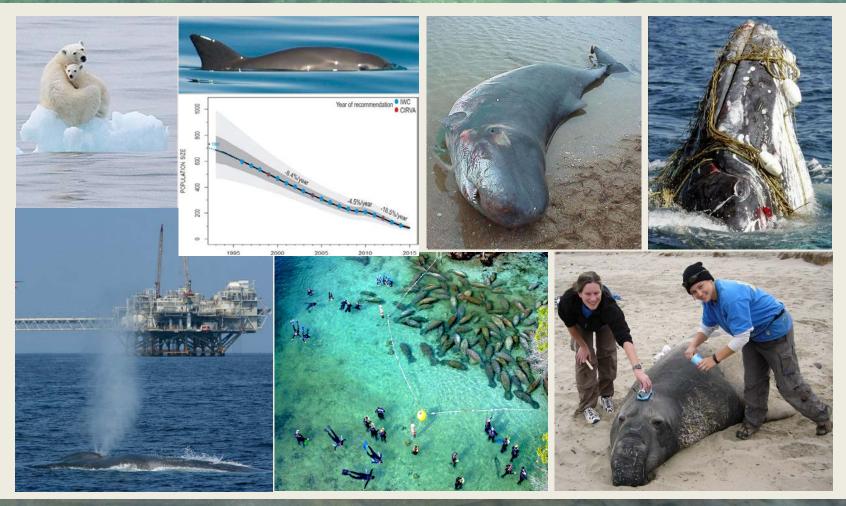


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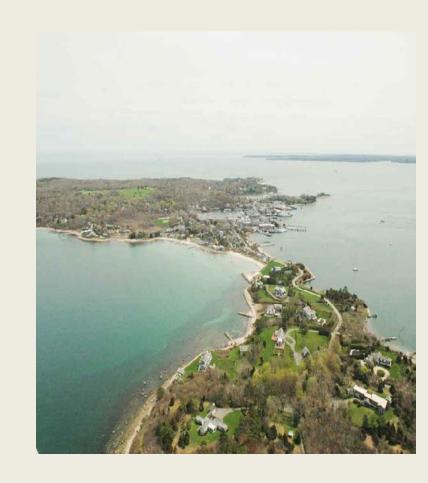
# Our Issues





### 2017 Annual Meeting

- Woods Hole, MA
  - April 5-7, 2017
- Focus on regional issues
- Meeting open to public participation and comments



## 2017 Annual Meeting

- Priority Topics in New England
  - North Atlantic Right Whales
    - Science and regulatory updates
  - Recovering populations
    - Science and steps forward





# 2017 Annual Meeting

- Other Topics
  - Arctic
  - Energy development
  - Vaquita
  - Gulf of Mexico





