



American Cetacean Society 13th International Conference Whales & Humans: A Conflicted Relationship

Conference Program

Hyatt Regency Mission Bay, San Diego, CA
November 9-11th, 2012

Friday, November 9th: Setting the Stage

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Local whale watching trips
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Registration desk open for check-in and walk-in registration

Welcome Reception (Bayview Ballroom & Terrace)

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Social (wine and hors d'oeuvres)
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Lisa T. Ballance (NOAA-SWFSC)** – *NOAA Honors the 40th Anniversary of the Marine Mammal Protection Act*
7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Karen Ristuben (artist)** – *Just One Word: Marine Plastic Pollution and Human Health*
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Meet and Greet Social (continued)

Saturday, November 10: Evolution of the Relationship – From Whaling to Personhood

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration desk open for check in walk-in registration
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Kathy Zagzebski, ACS President** – *Welcoming Remarks*

Session 1: Whaling (Bayview Ballroom) – Chair, Cheryl McCormick

8:45 a.m. – 9:05 a.m. **William F. Perrin (NOAA-SWFSC)** – *Small Cetaceans and the IWC*
9:05 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. **Cheryl McCormick (Ascend Nonprofit Consulting)** - *How Highly-Effective NGOs Shape Outcomes at IWC*
9:25 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Hardy Jones (BlueVoice)** – *Title TBD*
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Questions and Panel Discussion
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Morning Break** and Refreshments (Regatta Pavilion)

Session 2: Whale Watching (Bayview Ballroom)

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Andrés Cisneros Montemayor (UBC)** – *The Potential for Whale Watching as a Conservation Incentive: A Global Outlook*
10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **Deborah A. Giles (UC Davis), Rose Cendak (Cal/EPA), & Kari Koski (The Whale Museum, WA)** – *Using Non-Invasive Remote Sensing Equipment and GIS to Assess Potential Effects of Vessels on the Activity of Southern Resident Killer Whales in the Salish Sea*
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. **Cara Lachmuth (University of British Columbia)** – *Estimation of Southern Resident Killer Whale Exposure to Exhaust Emissions from Whale-Watching Vessels and Potential Adverse Health Effects and Toxicity Thresholds*
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Questions and Panel Discussion
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Regatta Pavilion)

Session 3: Scientific Inquiry (Bayview Ballroom)

1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. **Stephanie Norman (Marine-Med)** – *The Application of GIS and Spatiotemporal Analyses to Investigations of Unusual Marine Mammal Strandings and Mortality Events.*
1:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. **Brandon Southall (SOCAL-BRS)** – *New Paradigms for Measuring and Assessing the Responses of Natural and Anthropogenic Sound on Cetaceans*



Program Schedule, Cont.

1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Denise Herzing (Wild Dolphin Project) – <i>Spotted Dolphin Behavior</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Questions and Panel Discussion
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Afternoon Break and Refreshments (Regatta Pavilion)

Session 4: “The Question of Personhood” (Bayview Ballroom)

2:45 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.	Lori Marino (Emory University) – <i>Cetaceans in Captivity: A Moral and Scientific Dead End</i>
3:05 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.	Diana Reiss (Hunter College) – <i>Interface Between Research and Activism: the Emotional Lives of Dolphins and Their Plight in Taiji</i>
3:25 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Thomas White (Loyola Marymount University) – <i>Dolphins: The Argument for Personhood and Rights</i>
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Questions and Panel Discussion
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Poster Session; Art Show; Book Signing; Silent Auction (Regatta Pavillion)

Banquet:

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Social Hour (Regatta Pavillion) - Aperitifs
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Banquet (Bayview Ballroom): Awards Ceremony, John Heyning Award Presentation, Photo Contest and Poster Contest Awards Announced. Charles “Flip” Nicklin (Whale Trust), Special Guest Speaker – <i>Among Giants: A History with Whales</i>

Sunday, November 11th: Relationship Challenges and Opportunities

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration desk open for walk-in registration
9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks

Keynote Speaker (Bayview Ballroom)

9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Frans de Waal (Emory University) – <i>The Prosocial Side of Animal Behavior and the Role of Empathy</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Questions and Discussion
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break and Refreshments (Regatta Pavilion)

Session 1: Emerging Challenges (Bayview Ballroom)

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Taryn Kiekow (NRDC) – <i>Whales and Navy Sonar</i>
10:50 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Marla M. Holt (NOAA-NWFSC) – <i>Assessing the Energetic Impact of Vocal Responses to Noise in Bottlenose Dolphins (<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>)</i>
11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Peter Ross (Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada) – <i>Toxins and Killer Whales</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00	Questions and Panel Discussion
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Regatta Pavilion)

Session 2: Emerging Research (Bayview Ballroom)

1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Susan Chivers (NOAA-SWFSC) – <i>Aerial Photographs Reveal Unique Breeding Characteristics for <i>Delphinus capensis</i> and <i>D. delphis</i> off Southern California, USA and Baja California, Mexico</i>
1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Ari Friedlaender (Duke) – <i>Using D-Tags to Study Whale Underwater Behavior and Spatial Ecology</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Bob Pitman and John Durban (NOAA-SWFSC) – <i>Increasing Diversity of Killer Whale Species</i>
2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Michael Weise (Office of Naval Research) – <i>Cetaceans & Navy Research</i>
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Questions and Panel Discussion
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break and Refreshments (Regatta Pavillion)

Session 3: New Hope (Bayview Ballroom)

3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Bruce Mate (Oregon State U) – <i>Western Gray Whales</i>
3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Cindy McInnis (Ocean Alliance) – <i>Teaching Teachers</i>
3:50 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.	Tony Knight (Oak Park Unified School District) – <i>Education and Peer Learning: A Case Study of Blue Whales in the Channel Islands.</i>

