

1st International Workshop on Beluga Whale Research

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH		SATURDAY 10TH MARCH		SUNDAY 11TH MARCH	
8:30 AM	Registration & coffee				
9:00 AM	Workshop Opening Remarks and Overview of Workshop Goals	9:00 AM	Invited speaker: Dr. Robert Michaud Behavioural ecology and conservation biology: what is fun to understand and what we need to know to help the whales (a review of the St. Lawrence Beluga Case)	10:00 AM	Research Agenda presentation
9:30 AM	Invited Speaker: Mr. Robert Suydam Bridging disciplines and making connections among science, husbandry, subsistence, conservation and education	10:00 AM	Coffee break	10:30 AM	Research Agenda reading time & coffee
10:30 AM	Coffee break	10:30 AM	Invited Speaker: Dr. Stanislav Belikov Belugas of the Russian Arctic: population protection and management under conditions of development of oil and gas fields on the Arctic shelf and global climate change	12:00 PM	Agenda discussion (all attendants)
11:00 AM	Invited Speaker: Dr. Sam Ridgway Acoustic behavior, physiology, and health of the white whale, <i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	11:30 AM	Selected talks R.A. Belikov & V.M. Bel'kovich V. Vergara & L. Barret-Lennard O. Lyamin et al. M. Castellote et al.	2:00 PM	Workshop Concluding Remarks
12:00 AM	Selected talks G. O'Corry Crowe S. Raverty et al. S. Lair et al.	1:00 PM	Lunch time	2:30 PM	
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2:40 PM	Invited Speaker: Dr. Todd Robeck Understanding reproductive physiology and development of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) in Beluga: Contributions of captive and wild animal research.	3:00 PM	Invited Speaker: Dr. Kathy Frost The Alaska Beluga Whale Committee - a partnership in beluga research and management.		
3:40 PM	Coffee break	4:00 PM	Coffee break		
4:10 PM	Invited Speaker: Dr. Joseph Geraci Beluga Whale Health: What we know, what we think, and how to close the gap.	4:30 PM	Invited Speaker: Mr. Pierre Richard Perspectives on captive research on beluga whales with relevance to wild population management and conservation.		
5:10 PM	Selected talks J.K. O'Brien & T. R. Robeck A.M. Shestopalov T. Romano Y. Akune	5:30 PM	Selected talks C.D. Malcolm & P.A. Hall Native representative (to be decided) PATOB & MMC meetings summary		
6:30 PM	Poster session I & coffee	6:30 PM	Poster session II & coffee		
7:30 PM	Welcome cocktail L'Oceanografic. Arctic facilities	7:30 PM	Rapporteurs meeting		
9:30 PM		8:30 PM	Gala dinner L'Oceanografic. Oceanos restaurant		
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