

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A MEETING OF THE NORTHEAST  
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (NEIT) FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE  
NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE**

**Date and Time:** April 5, 2005 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Location:** Maritime Institute for Technical and Graduate Studies (MITAGS), 692  
Maritime Boulevard, Building 2 (parking lots C or D), Linthicum, Maryland.

*MITAGS is located minutes from the BWI Airport. MITAGS also has lodging and a nice dining room for those wishing to stay overnight. Cost \$119.00 per night, which includes dinner and breakfast. Reservations: 410 859 5700.*

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**Purpose:** The meeting will be the first meeting under the new protocols and with the new and expanded agency membership. Important topics of the meeting include:

- Reports on ongoing NEIT projects,
- a review of outstanding recommendations for action to the National Marine Fisheries Service,
- FY 2005 right whale ship strike project funding
- the status of the Ship Strike Reduction Strategy (environmental and economic assessments, studies and rulemakings)
- the Recovery Plan, and
- Expansion of NEIT membership

*Please contact Bruce Russell if you have comments on the draft agenda (e.g., you would like to see something added to the agenda).*

**Draft Agenda for 5 April 2004 Northeast Implementation Team (NEIT) Meeting**

9:30-9:45      Introductions

9:45-10:00    Organizational Issues

Purpose of NEIT

Roles and Responsibilities

10:00-11:15   Status of NEIT Projects

- Merchant Mariner Education (Amy Knowlton and Bruce Russell)
- Outreach (small ports, other industry, including Coast Pilots update) (Bruce Russell)
- Economic Aspects of Right Whale Ship Management Measures update (Hauke Kite-Powell)
- Economic Analysis of the Port of Boston (MARAD Port Kit Model) (Brad Wellock and Hauke Kite-Powell)

- Vessel Traffic Management Scenarios (Bruce Russell and Amy Knowlton)
- Recreational Vessel Outreach (Erin Heskett)
- Update of GIS Presentation of Survey Tracklines, Right Whale Sightings and Right Whale Movements: (Amy Knowlton)
- Mid Atlantic right whale movements modeling (Erin Heskett)

11:15-1130 Review of outstanding recommendations to NEIT from 8 March 2004 Ship Strike Committee meeting

11:30-12:00 NEIT recommendations / endorsement of projects; next steps

12:00-12:30 Other ship strike related research

R&D, studies

12:30-1:00 FY 2005 project funding (David Gouveia and Greg Silber)

1:00-2:00 Lunch

2:00-2:10 Report on Stakeholder meetings (Greg Silber)

2:10-2:25 Ship Strike Strategy update (Greg Silber)

2:25-2:35 Recovery plan status and next steps (Greg Silber)

2:35-2:45 Report on recent mortalities (Amy Knowlton)

2:45-3:00 Navy Policy (Tom Fetherston)

3:00-4:00 NEIT membership

Scientists and technical experts

Shipping interests

Conservationists

Adjourn