Meeting began with introductions, then updates and review of agenda. No one expressed concern with the contents of the final charter edits, so edits will be adopted into a final document and a digital signature option provided. Update on licensing process: licenses for 2021 will go on sale in October, with some unknown processing time involved starting in January (or December?). Review of timeline and discussion of additional meeting in summer; a scheduling poll will be circulated.

Followed up on presentations in February meeting, addressing questions posted by the group in the interim. TH and JF provided verbal response; TS provided slides. A few follow-up questions were raised, responses will be uploaded to Box.

Sgt. Myers and Cpt. Mullins (WDFW) presented Law Enforcement’s role and observations in the context of SRKW and whale-watching. Donna Riordan and Yasmeen Hussain (WSAS) provided verbal account of WSAS background, role in this CWWLP process, approach and status update. Primary focus was on the science panel: how scientists were selected and where the process stands at present.

Final hour was spent discussing plans for moving forward, specifically April meeting. Due to concerns over COVID-19, April meeting will be held online. We hope that it can still cover two days, but ideas and details will follow. Each member expressed thoughts regarding the timeline, inclusion of formal SDM tool (DASEES), and public comment. Next meeting is scheduled for 15-16 April.