

Request for Proposal

Development of a JIP Sound and Marine Life Synthesis Report

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Background

Phase 3 of the JIP started in 2014 and has enabled more than 40 research projects to be funded. As the majority of these projects have now been finalized or are about to be completed, and as Phase 4 has already been officially kicked off, it is appropriate to compile a Synthesis report to cover JIP achievements.

There are both internal and external drivers to develop a Synthesis report:

Internal drivers include:

- To demonstrate progress made, industry value gained and justification for further Sound & Marine Life research, if applicable.
- Retaining internal knowledge as personnel change.
- Facilitating hand-over to newly appointed JIP Company representatives.

External drivers include:

- Enhancing communication with Regulators and other relevant stakeholders regarding the JIP E&P Sound & Marine Life and its achievements/outcomes. Regulatory personnel and stakeholders change too.

- Increasing visibility of the JIP Sound & Marine Life by broadening our potential audience as compared to presentations made during face-to-face meetings.
- Compiling, in a reader-friendly format, the relevant information the JIP E&P Sound & Marine Life has developed over the years – information that is currently very dispersed.

Purpose

The project aim is to develop a Sound and Marine Life JIP Synthesis Report. Whilst it will primarily focus on the scientific conclusions / achievements of Phase III works at this time, it will also cover salient outcomes of Phases I and II, albeit at a higher level, so that all key outcomes from the JIP are contained in one easily communicable document. The report should build on the extensive compilation work previously undertaken by the Sound & Marine Life JIP participants. The report will be supplemental to, not instead of, earlier works.

It is believed that the work will be more robust if the report is written by an external (non-Oil and Gas representative) consultant. The existing material (JIP presentations, articles etc.) will be provided to the selected consultant.

Scope of Work

Synthesis of Phases I, II and completed Phase III work to time of writing.

In this phase three activities are expected:

- Gathering of the relevant JIP Sound & Marine Life materials (to be provided) and review of community information (scientific and regulatory) necessary to provide JIP Sound & Marine Life achievements in the proper context of best available science and regulations at the time when the research was conducted.
- Assessment of the 35 questions that were listed at the start of Phase III with potential further grouping.
- Development of the report.

Deliverable

The deliverable will be a Sound and Marine Life JIP Synthesis Report appropriate for a general audience consisting of regulators, industry, and general researchers without formal acoustics training.

Specification of the proposal

Project Objectives:

- Unifies previously dispersed SML JIP information into one keystone summary document of Phases I to III
- Communicable:
 - One document – pdf to allow e-mail
 - Visually appealing – use of graphics and visual aids to make complex scientific material quickly and easily digestible
- Key SML reference document
 - User-friendly structure to enable identification of specific information

- Signposting – references all scientific papers produced and other key SML documentation, so further topic-specific details can be found if needed.

Additional information:

What the report should be / should contain:

- Builds on the extensive compilation work and stakeholder engagement previously undertaken by the SML JIP participants. The report will be supplemental to, not instead of, earlier works.
- Limited length: Whilst all Phases will be covered, the document will provide an indication of where more information can be found so acting as a signpost for stakeholders wanting more information on specific topics.
- A summary of result from each project.
- An organized summary under the 35 questions that were listed at the start of Phase III.
- When several projects address the same question, a short synthesis of the general progress of science with regards to the question will be provided.
- Publications associated with each project will be listed.
- A synthesis section of fact-based instances where JIP Sound & Marine Life results were incorporated into current regulation or management.

What the report should not be/ should not contain:

- A thorough justification that questions have been answered
- Implications of the science regarding policy changes – i.e. advocacy messages.

Provisional Project Timing:

Synthesis of Phases I, II and completed Phase III work to time of writing is to be completed in 2022.

Selection: February 22

Kick off Meeting: February 22

Progress Meetings: a minimum of quarterly progress meetings are expected and written monthly progress reports.

Closing meeting and presentation: before December 2022

Tenderer's commitments

Compliance with the listed requirements should be clearly indicated in the proposal.

Focal point

The Respondent will designate a focal point for the study.

Address for submitting your Proposal

Proposals must be submitted by email/electronically to the following address:

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