

Appendix IV

OBTAINING UPDATES OF THE DISTANCE PROGRAM AND USER'S MANUAL VIA THE INTERNET

As of January 1997, the National Marine Mammal Laboratory maintained a home page on the internet for DISTANCE. Persons can obtain background information on distance sampling; the DISTANCE program; information about the book, *Distance Sampling: Estimating Abundance of Biological Populations* (Buckland et al. 1993); and how to contact its authors: Drs. Jeffrey Laake, Stephen Buckland, David Anderson and Kenneth Burnham. You can e-mail some of the authors directly.

From this internet site, persons can also download the User's Manual for the latest version of DISTANCE (Version 2.2); the DISTANCE 2.2 program and example data sets; and a test version of the 32 bit program DISTANCE 3.0 which runs only under Windows 95. The User's Manual (Laake et al. 1996) can be downloaded in the following formats: WordPerfect, HP Laserjet, and PostScript. Instructions are provided. DISTANCE 2.2 and 3.0 can be downloaded along with their associated files. Prior to downloading DISTANCE 2.2, users must complete a licensing agreement. Future updates of DISTANCE are expected to be available via this internet site.

Enter the following command in the URL line:

<http://nmml01.afsc.noaa.gov/distance/map.htm>

Note that the first "l" following the double slashes is a lower case "L" and the second one is the numeral "1" following a zero (not the capitol letter "O"). You can connect to other related home pages on the internet from this site.

Home pages on the internet change location from time to time. If the above command does not reach the DISTANCE home page, try dropping the "/distance/map.htm" part. You should find a link to DISTANCE from the NMML home page.