Joint Law Enforcement Agreement Stakeholders
Craven County Agricultural Center
300 Industrial Drive, New Bern, NC
June 1, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dee Lupton, DMF Deputy Director
2. Purpose
   Review Session Law 2015-201
3. Stakeholder Introduction
4. Joint Enforcement Agreement Overview – Captain Steve Anthony
5. Discussion
6. Summarize Stakeholder Input
7. Next Steps
8. Public Comment
9. Adjourn
SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 113-224 reads as rewritten:

"§ 113-224. Cooperative agreements by Department.

(a) The Department is empowered to enter into cooperative agreements with public and private agencies and individuals respecting the matters governed in this Subchapter. Pursuant to such agreements the Department may expend funds, assign employees to additional duties within or without the State, assume additional responsibilities, and take other actions that may be required by virtue of such agreements, in the overall best interests of the conservation of marine and estuarine resources.

(b) The Fisheries Director or a designee of the Fisheries Director may not enter into an agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce allowing Division of Marine Fisheries inspectors to accept delegation of law enforcement powers over matters within the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service."

SECTION 3.(b) G.S. 128-1.1(c2) is repealed.

SECTION 4. The Division of Marine Fisheries of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall conduct a 12-month process to seek input from stakeholders on the impacts, costs, and benefits of a joint enforcement agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce and whether the authorization to enter into such an agreement should be reenacted. The study shall also include the establishment of and consultation with a stakeholder advisory group that shall only include persons who are for-hire license holders representing all major recreational fishing areas on the North Carolina coast, commercial fishing license holders on the North Carolina coast, and relevant staff to the Division. The Division shall submit its report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than October 15, 2016.