**N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission**  
**Shrimp Bycatch Reduction Industry Work Group**  
**Workshop #4**

New Bern Riverfront Convention Center  
203 S. Front St, New Bern, NC  28560  
January 22, 2018

**Workshop Objectives:**
(1) learn about 2017 testing of bycatch reduction gear technologies,  
(2) discuss and develop criteria regarding recommendations to the Marine Fisheries Commission and  
future of the workgroup

**AGENDA**

10:30 - 10:45 a.m.   Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Overview  
- Kevin Brown, gear development biologist, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
- Brent Fulcher, owner/operator, B&J Seafood; chairman, N.C. Fisheries Assoc.

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.   Presentation of 2017 Testing of Bycatch Reduction Gear Technologies  
- Laura Lee, senior stock assessment scientist, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries  
- Blake Price, research fishery biologist, NOAA Fisheries Harvesting Systems Unit

11:30 – 12:00 a.m.   Open Forum with Work Group  
  facilitator: Scott Baker, fisheries extension specialist, N.C. Sea Grant  
  Opportunity for the public to ask questions.

noon – 1:15 p.m.     Lunch (on your own)

1:15 – 1:45 p.m.    Work Group Discussion and Development of Criteria Regarding  
  Recommendations to Marine Fisheries Commission and future of the workgroup  
  facilitator: Scott Baker, fisheries extension specialist, N.C. Sea Grant

1:45 – 2:00 p.m.    Wrap Up

2:00 p.m.          Adjourn