Workshop Objectives:
(1) learn about 2016 testing of bycatch reduction gear technologies,
(2) prioritize new gears or broad technological solutions that should be field tested in 2017 to achieve significant bycatch reduction over existing levels, and

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 – 11:00 a.m. N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Testing Directive and Methodology Overview
- Sara Mirabilio, fisheries extension specialist, N.C. Sea Grant

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Open Forum with Work Group
facilitator: Sara Mirabilio, fisheries extension specialist, N.C. Sea Grant
Opportunity for the public to ask questions.

11:15 a.m. – noon Presentation of 2016 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

noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Work Group Discussion Regarding 2017 Field Trials
facilitator: Sara Mirabilio, fisheries extension specialist, N.C. Sea Grant
Action Item: Selection of candidate BRD prototypes and participating vessels.

1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Wrap Up

2:00 p.m. Adjourn