Marine Fisheries Commission
Sea Turtle Advisory Committee Meeting
Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office
5285 Highway 70 West – Morehead City, NC
June 20, 2013 at 6 – 9 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Modifications to the Agenda
- Introductions of New Members
- Approval of March 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes—**Action**
- Opening Remarks and Review Role of the Sea Turtle Advisory Committee—Bob Lorenz
- Review of May 2013 Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting—Chris Batsavage
- Status Update on Proposed Expansion of Hammocks Beach State Park Sea Turtle Sanctuary—David Pearson
- Potential Amendments to the Sea Turtle Lawsuit Settlement Agreement— Chris Batsavage—**Action**
- Public Comment Period
- Observer Program Update—Jacob Boyd
- Sea Turtle Incidental Take Permit (ITP) Application update—Chris Batsavage
- Other Business
- Adjourn

Role of the Sea Turtle Advisory Committee - *As outlined in the agreement to settle a lawsuit filed against the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission, the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and Director Louis Daniel in federal court by the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Clinic on behalf of the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center, the duties of the advisory committee include, but are not limited to:*

- *Reviewing monthly Division of Marine Fisheries sea turtle observer reports and fishing effort data:*
- *Reviewing weekly Wildlife Resources Commission stranding reports;*
- *Monitoring/advising the Division of Marine Fisheries on sea turtle observer program concerns;*
- *Devising means for fishermen to report sea turtle interactions;*
- *Assisting with fishermen education about sea turtle biology, population and threats to survival;*
- *Identifying/advising on measures to reduce the incidental take of sea turtles, including gear modification and seasonal restrictions;*
- *Identifying/advising on measures to reduce the incidental take of sea turtles in other state-managed fisheries; and*
- *Reviewing/providing comment on all Incidental Take Permit provisions and take calculations prior to formal application to the National Marine Fisheries Service.*