Bay Scallop Advisory Committee
Central District Office
5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC
Monday, May 13, 2013 at 12:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Modifications to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2013
- Public Comment
- Overview of the Private Culture, Aquaculture, and Stock Enhancement Section
- Review the Issue Paper to Allow Bay Scallop Season, Harvest Limit, and Pre-dealer Sale of Seed Exemption for Shellfish Leaseholders and Aquaculture Operations
- Review and Prioritize the Draft Research Recommendations
- Planning for Next Few Meetings

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is charged with the preparation and writing of proposed fishery management plans (FMP), for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC). To assist the DMF in the development of FMPs, the chair of the MFC appoints a fishery management plan advisory committee (AC) that is composed of commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, scientists, and others, all with expertise in the fishery for which the FMP is being developed. The following are the specific roles of appointed advisers in assisting the DMF in the development of FMPs:

- *Assist DMF staff in indentifying and evaluating management issues and options to be addressed in the FMP*
- *Evaluate the impacts of management options on the resource and user groups*
- *Review and provide comments on all sections of the draft FMP for completeness and accuracy*
- *Assist the DMF in informing the public on the issues contained in the FMP*
- *Attend public meetings held in advisers' regional area*
- *Solicit comments from peers and bring comments back to the AC*