Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
Craven County Agricultural Extension Building
300 Industrial Drive, New Bern, North Carolina
May 15, 2013 at 6 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Modifications to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- Evaluation of Skimmer Trawls and Other Gears for Shrimping in North Carolina
- Trawling in the New River above the Highway 172 Bridge
- Public Comment
- Explanation of Evaluation Matrix
- Evaluation Matrix of Skimmer Trawls and Other Gears in North Carolina
- Evaluation Matrix of Trawling in the New River above the Highway 172 Bridge
- Plan Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – June 19 at Washington Regional Office
- Adjourn

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*