Shrimp Fishery Management Plan Advisory Committee
N. C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Regional Field Office
943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC
April 16, 2013 at 6 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Review of Meeting Guidelines for the Advisory Committee and Public
- Modifications to Agenda
- Approval of Minutes - March 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- Review of the Socio-Economic Section of the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan
- Review of the History of Managing Bycatch in North Carolina
- Discussion of Bycatch Reduction Measures
    - The Approach
    - Division List of Proposals
    - Advisory Committee Discussion
- Public Comment
- Plan Agenda Items for the Next Meeting – May 15 at Craven County Cooperative Extension
- 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*