



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE



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Overview:

MRIP Calibration Workshop

March 2012

WHAT

In cooperation with the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) program, NOAA Fisheries is co-hosting a workshop where fisheries scientists and managers will come together to determine the most effective and appropriate means of matching up data collected under MRFSS with the new MRIP methodology for years prior to 2004.

WHY

Workshop participants will evaluate what potential effects the new estimates may have on existing stock assessments as well as determine whether correction factors can be developed to properly weight estimates prior to 2004.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

This workshop is *not* being organized to produce new estimates for recreational fishing catch prior to 2004. Rather, along with considering the potential impacts of the 2004-2010 re-estimated numbers on catch estimates and biological reference points, participants will seek to develop a standard methodology (or methodologies) that can be applied to pre-2004 data to produce improved estimates for those years. Any methodology that is proposed by the workshop participants will be subjected to scientific peer review prior to potential use in management decision-making and stock assessments.

WHEN

Tuesday, March 27-Thursday, March 29, 2012

Tuesday: 1:00 pm-5:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am-12:00 pm

WHERE

Hilton Brownstone University, Raleigh, North Carolina

ONLINE

The entire workshop will be available via webcast at

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/714581928>

WHO

The workshop is open to the public. Representatives from the affected Fishery Management Councils, Atlantic and Gulf State Marine Fisheries Commissions, Atlantic and Gulf Coast states, and NOAA Fisheries have been invited to participate.

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