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49th SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Hilton Double Tree - 929 Hingham Street, Rockland, MA

8 March 2017 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

- 9:30 am Welcome and Seating of New SAC Members, Review of Agenda and Approval of 48th SAC Minutes**
(H. Knowles)
- 9:45 – 10:00 SAC Business** (N. Ward)
- i. Welcome New Members and SAC Recruitment (1 Feb 2017)
 - ii. 2017 SAC Meetings (31 May 2017 and October 2017)
 - iii. SAC Annual Work Plan
- 10:00 – 10:30 Discussion Topics** (H. Knowles)
- i. Council “Round-Robin”
 - ii. Endorsement of Council Enforcement Letter for Vote
 - iii. Advisory Council Chairs Webinar (R. Delaney)
 - iv. Shipwreck Dive Site Notification (M. Lawrence)
- 10:30 – 10:45 Launching the Condition Report Process Including Report on Conceptual Model Workshop**
- 10:45 – 11:15 Sanctuary Management Plan Assessment Subcommittee Update** (J. Williamson)
Proposed Whale Watch Working Group (J. Williamson/ B. Haskell)
- 11:15 – 11:45 Recreational Fishing Summit Update** (M. Pierdinock and B. Haskell)
- 11:45 – 12:45 Working Luncheon: Midwater/Pair Trawling on Stellwagen Bank under the Herring Research Set Aside Program**
- i. Why is this an issue? (B. Haskell)
 - ii. What is the Herring RSA? (NMFS representative)
 - iii. What are we learning from the Herring RSA research on river herring bycatch?
(Brad Schondelmeier, MA Division of Marine Fisheries)
- 12:45 – 1:00 Public Comment: Midwater/Pair Trawling** (H. Knowles)
- 1:00 – 1:30 Discussion of Midwater/Pair Trawling Issue (continued)** (H. Knowles)
- 1:30 – 1:45 SBNMS 25th Anniversary Announcement** (B. Haskell)
- 1:45 – 2:00 Constituent Report**
“Wings of the Fleet” (J. Galluzzo)
- 2:00 – 2:20 Agency/Governmental Reports**
- i. MA Coastal Zone Management (T. Callaghan)
 - ii. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (T. Donovan)
 - iii. New England Fishery Management Council (M. Bachman)
 - iv. NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (J. Anderson)
- 2:20 – 2:30 New Business**
- 2:30 – 3:00 Public Comment**
- 3:00 pm ADJOURN**

The Advisory Council may take action on any of the above items on the agenda. Times of agenda items are subject to change. Public comment period will remain as advertised.