



# Deep Sea Corals Workshop – Final Agenda

Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 1:00 PM – Thursday, April 30, 2015, 3:30 PM

**Doubletree Baltimore BWI Airport Hotel**

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## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

- 1:00-1:15 Welcome and Introductions; Workshop Purpose and Goals
- 1:15-1:30 Overview of Amendment Purpose and Development
- 1:30-2:30 Overview of Discrete Zone Boundary Methodologies
- Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) habitat suitability model-based boundaries (Kiley Dancy)
  - Industry-proposed alternative boundaries (Greg DiDomenico)
  - NGO coalition proposed boundaries (Brad Sewell)
  - Participant input on boundary methodologies
- 2:30-5:30 Canyon-by-Canyon Evaluation of Boundary Options
- Review each proposed discrete zone and identify key areas of importance for deep sea corals and fishing activities
  - Reconcile boundaries where possible to identify new discrete zone options

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

- 9:00-12:00 Canyon-by-Canyon Evaluation of Boundary Options (Continued)
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (Provided)
- Lunch will be pre-paid for those receiving travel reimbursement from the Council (please do not submit for reimbursement for lunch on Thursday). For all others, lunch can be purchased for \$15.
- 1:00-2:15 Canyon-by-Canyon Evaluation of Boundary Options (Continued)
- 2:15-2:45 Discussion of Exemption Alternatives for Discrete Zones
- 2:45-3:15 Discussion of Transit Provisions for Discrete Zones
- 3:15-3:30 Wrap-up
- Review of workshop discussions and products
  - Closing remarks and next steps