Offshore Wind Best Management Practices Workshop

February 5, 2014, 1:00 PM – Thursday, February 6, 2014, 5:00 PM
Embassy Suites Baltimore- Inner Harbor
222 St Paul Pl, Baltimore, MD 21202
Reservation call-in number: (410) 727-2222

Agenda

Wednesday, February 5

12:30  Register/Check-In

1:00  Welcome
Rick Robins, Chairman, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
   - Opening Remarks and Introductions
   - Agenda overview
   - Participant introductions

1:30  Presentation: Overview of U.S. Offshore Wind Development
Maureen Bornholdt, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
   - History and recent progress of offshore wind development in the U.S.
   - Next steps and the future for offshore wind on the east coast

2:00  Presentation(s): The U.K. Experience
   - History of offshore energy in the U.K.
   - Overview of The Fishing Liaison With Offshore Wind And Wet Renewables Group (FLOWW)
   - Q&A

3:15  Break

3:30  Panel Discussion/Group Discussion: Lessons Learned from the U.K. Experience
   - U.K. fishermen share their perspectives on the history, process, and current status of offshore wind in the U.K.
   - Emphasis on lessons learned that could benefit the U.S. fishing industry

4:30  Presentation: BOEM Planning in the the Fisheries Context
Brian Hooker, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
   - Areas and technologies being explored
   - Summary of the process for Draft BMP development
   - Brief Overview of each of the 9 BMPs

5:30  Reception
Dinner on your own
Thursday, February 6

Breakfast on your own

9:00   BMPs In Depth: Description of BMPs in Context of Process and Development Phases

   Brian Hooker, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
   - Description of each of the nine draft BMPs
   - How will BMPs fit into process and development phases.
   - Highlight specific areas where additional development is needed.

9:45  Group Discussion: Initial thoughts on proposed BMPs

   Facilitator: Amy Kenney
   - Clarity, feasibility, and practicality of draft BMPs
   - What’s missing?

10:45  Break

11:00  Breakout Groups– Discuss and comment on specific BMPs

   - Small working groups will discuss and provide comments on each of the BMPs
   - BOEM & U.K. expertise will be distributed around the breakout groups to provide expertise

12:00  Lunch on your own

1:00   Breakout Groups, continued

2:30   Break

2:45   Report on break out groups

3:30   Final Group Discussion, Wrap-Up, and Closing Remarks

4:00   Open discussion

   Optional
   - Council staff, BOEM available for Q&A
   - Fill out individual comments on BMPs

5:00   Adjourn