

**ALWTRP Public Hearing  
New Hanover Public Library  
Wilmington, NC  
August 26, 2013**

**NMFS PRD Staff—Dave Gouveia, Kate Swails, Glenn Salvador  
Number in attendance: 3**

**Including:**

- Tom Burgess, Take Reduction Team Industry Representative
- Red Munden, NC Division of Marine Fisheries, Take Reduction Team State Representative

**Gear Marking**

Commenters were in support of the proposed gear marking.

**Other**

One commenter stated that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council just proposed an amendment to increase the ACL for black sea bass. As part of this there is a closure in place from Nov 1<sup>st</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. He questioned how this would coordinate with the seasonal management dates of the Take Reduction Plan in the Southeast (Nov 15-April 15).

Another commenter spoke about the need to make sure there isn't confusion between the Take Reduction Plan measures and the measures proposed by the Councils. The South Atlantic Council manages black sea bass from Cape Hatteras southward and the Mid-Atlantic manages from Cape Hatteras northward. These borders differ from how the area is handled under the Take Reduction Plan.

One commenter questioned the rationale behind the proposed measures in the Southeast Region to require vertical lines to be made of sinking line and establish set breaking strengths of vertical lines. He stated that gear loss is a concern with vertical lines made of sinking line and having a required breaking strength of line makes it harder to follow the fish offshore with a stronger breaking strength if need be.