

**ALWTRP Public Hearing
Stafford Township Office
Manahawkin, NJ
August 28, 2013**

**NMFS PRD Staff—Dave Gouveia, Kate Swails, Glenn Salvador
Number in attendance: 8**

Including:

- Peter Himchak, NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Take Reduction Team State Representative
- Greg DiDomenico, Garden State Seafood Association, Take Reduction Team Industry Representative

Gear Marking

Broad support for gear marking requirements

Monitoring/Reporting

Commenters stated support for additional enforcement and outreach. Most also supported the need for additional data for both whales and fishing effort.

Other

One commenter asked if there are instances of more than 1 fishery involved with same entanglement event.

Commenters mentioned that compliance with weak link compliance is good and wondered if there are fewer entanglements since industry has started to use whale friendly gear.