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Meeting Agenda

**Research Steering Committee
Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI
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Wednesday, April 8, 2015

- 9:30** Introductions, announcements, review of agenda
- 9:45** Update of RFP (Initial and Supplemental) for groundfish research (Maria Jacob)
- 10:00** Review of the Council process for gear approval (Maria Jacob)
- 10:30** Presentation and Review the final report for the cooperative research project "Large Mesh [Belly] Panel in Small Mesh Fisheries as a Method to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch in Cultivator Shoal" (Emerson Hasbrouck)
- 11:30** Presentation and Review the modified analysis performed for the cooperative research project "Large Mesh [Belly] Panel in Small Mesh Fisheries as a Method to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch in Georges Bank" (Emerson Hasbrouck)
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch Break
- 1:30** Research Set-Aside: discussion of possible improvements (Maria Jacob)
- 2:30** Review the final report for the cooperative research project "Seasonal Bycatch Survey of the GB Scallop Fishery, by CFF (Maria Jacob)
- 3:30** Review the final report for the cooperative research project "Bycatch Characterization in the Southern New England Sea Scallop Fishery", by Eastern New England Scallop Association (Maria Jacob)
- 4:30** MREP Workshop by Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Maria Jacob)
- 5:00** Other business/adjourn

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