

**THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
FISHERIES COMMITTEE**

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday October 26, 2016

2:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

New Orleans, LA

Location: Fowler Rodriguez
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1. Introduction: Fisheries Committee Members and guests.
2. Special Presentation: "BP Spill Claims – An Inside Look From a Claimant's Perspective"

Peter A. Barbee, Barbee & Associates; (BA, J.D., LL.M., Tulane Law School). Mr. Barbee is an experienced civil and criminal defense litigator located in Plaquemines Parish who has successfully pursued BP Spill claims worth millions of dollars, primarily associated with fisheries and related industries.

Joel R. Waltzer, Waltzer, Wiygul & Garside; (BA, Boston University; JD, Harvard Law School). Mr. Waltzer is an experienced litigator in the environmental field, particularly as to fisheries and natural resources damages claims. Following the BP Spill, hundreds of spill victims have sought his assistance, including a large number of commercial fishermen he helped organize into GO FISH, a coalition of seafood industry groups responding to the impacts from the BP Spill. His body of work in the BP Spill has been featured in three films released on the subject, which also includes *The Big Fix* and *Vanishing Pearls*.

3. "The Louisiana Red Snapper Controversy: Politics, Practicalities and Prickly Pears."

Andrew C. Wilson, Simon, Peragine, Smith & Redfearn, LLP. (BA St. Lawrence University, JD, LL.M., Tulane Law School). Mr. Wilson is based in New Orleans and has a largely litigation practice with concentration on issues in the areas of environmental and maritime law including natural resource damages, coastal restoration and management issues, regulatory/permitting, legislation and oyster leasing. He has represented or worked with various Louisiana State agencies at various times, including the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Governor's office of Coastal Activities.

4. Fisheries Committee Recent Case Law Summary, (by Scott Gunst).

5. Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument – (by David Smith).
6. Old Business, New Business, and Open Microphone.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark T. Coberly
Chair, MLA Fisheries Committee