

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

**Thursday, November 11, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon (Central Standard Time)
Houston, TX**

Location: Law Offices of Baker Hostetler
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1. Detailed Introductions of all fisheries Committee Members and designation of Representatives for the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Coast Regions (by Kevin J. Thornton)
2. Special Guest Speaker: Rick E. Marks, (B.S. & M.S, non-Lawyer Principal) Hoffman, Silver, Gilman & Blasco, P.C. (Virginia/Washington, D.C. and Alaska) regarding: **Thoughts and Perspective from a Commercial Fishing Industry Federal Advocate on Recent Efforts To Change The Jones Act/LOLA/DOHSA; USCG Vessel Inspection & Reauthorization Issues; Ocean Policy Implementation & the Outlook for The 112TH Congress**
3. Special Guest Speaker: Gregory P. DiDomenico, Executive Director of the Garden State (NJ) Seafood Association regarding: **The Proposed Rule for a NOAA Draft Policy for Penalties and Sanctions Applicable to Commercial Fishing**
4. Discussion of the **Catch Share Debate** (by Stephen M. Ouellette, MLA-FC Member)
5. Presentation of Recent Cases of interest as well as other cases members wish to share and discuss (by David S. Smith)
6. Open Microphone Discussion of Comments, Suggestions, Issues, Old Business and New Business of Interest to the Fisheries Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Thornton, Esquire
Chair, MLA Fisheries Committee