

**Gillnet Bycatch Workshop - Agenda**  
**January 22 and 23, 2013**  
**Ocean City, MD**

<b>Day 1</b>	
12:30	Purpose, Goal, and Format of Workshop (including participant introductions)
12:45	Why consider bycatch mitigation – brief overview of mandates and requirements, including current bycatch mitigation actions
1:00	What we know about sea turtles and gillnet bycatch
	What we know about Atlantic sturgeon and gillnet bycatch
	Marine mammal considerations
1:55	Southern New England and Mid-Atlantic gillnet fisheries (e.g., gear characteristics, time of year, etc.)
2:45	<b>Break</b>
3:00	Overview of bycatch reduction (e.g., buoy-less nets, visual deterrents, tie-downs, etc.) research for sea turtles
	Overview of bycatch reduction research for sturgeon, or similar fish morphologies
	Overview of gillnet research for marine mammal bycatch reduction
4:15	Questions/discussion of studies presented Learning from experience: what has worked and why; what has not worked and why
5:00	Opportunities for cooperative research
5:15	Questions and format for next day
<b>Day 2</b>	
8:30	Breakout groups – Group 1: Reducing Atlantic sturgeon bycatch and/or bycatch mortality in mid-Atlantic gillnet fisheries Group 2: Reducing sea turtle bycatch and/or bycatch mortality in mid-Atlantic fisheries gillnet fisheries
10:30	<b>Break</b>
10:45	Report out from break-out groups
11:15	Group discussion – solutions to reducing sea turtle and Atlantic sturgeon bycatch and/or bycatch mortality in gillnet fisheries. Which look promising? Which are less so?
12:30	Brief summary of meeting and next steps
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Thank you</b>