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Volunteer Angler Data Workshop

Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Four-Points Sheraton, BWI Airport
7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240**

And via the Internet at:

<http://www.mafmc.org/events/volunteerdata.htm>

Anglers have told us that one way to increase overall trust in recreational catch numbers is to take advantage of their enthusiasm through hands-on participation in data collection. As a result, several states have implemented volunteer angler data collection programs to collect recreational data, and a one-day workshop on February 2 will explore ways that these and future programs can be most effective.

This workshop, co-sponsored by the Council and the Marine Recreational Information Program (www.countmyfish.noaa.gov), will bring together the people who manage these state programs and other volunteer data collection programs to examine questions such as: "Which data needs are best filled by volunteer angler data?" and "How can programs establish and sustain angler enthusiasm and support?"

The meeting is open to the public and will be webcast. There will be opportunities for public participation from those attending in person as well as via webinar - webinar registration and additional information is available via the above link.

Contact Jason Didden at jdidden@mafmc.org or (302) 526-5254 if you have any questions or if you would like to confirm that your computer is set-up to access the webinar.