

# Southern Shrimp Alliance

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## SSA Town Hall Meetings – Spring 2011

The Southern Shrimp Alliance will be holding a town hall meeting in Biloxi, MISSISSIPPI to report on SSA activity, review future funding to the domestic shrimp fishermen, and update membership. Executive Director John Williams and Director of Field Operations, Richard Vendetti will be presenting for SSA. Your two Mississippi Board Members, Tommy Schultz and Steve Bosarge, will be available at these meetings, as well. A Question & Answer period will follow the presentation.

### The meeting is scheduled for :

- 1.) **10:00 AM, Monday, April 18, 2011 at 1815 Poppo Ferry Rd. – Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center, Biloxi** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ATTENDEES.

Contact Richard Vendetti (912-222-8796) or Rachel (727-934-5090) with any questions or for additional information, for example, there is a meeting in Bayou La Batre, Ala on April 11 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm if you cannot make the date in MS.

**For those attending the SSA meeting and if the TAA program Manager/Director agrees you MAY be qualified to receive two credit hours towards the Trade Adjustment Assistance Intensive Training (TAA) requirement.**

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## SSA & Shrimp Industry Issues 2011

### TRADE

- 1) TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS/COMMUNITIES/BUSINESSES
- 2) ITC SUNSET REVIEW
- 3) TRADE CIRCUMVENTION LEGISLATION
- 4) CDSOA (Byrd) Distributions for 2011

## **BP DWH OIL SPILL**

- 5) OIL SPILL
  - TAX RELIEF
  - OIL SPILL COMPENSATION

## **FOOD SAFETY & MARKETING**

- 6) SEAFOOD SAFETY
- 7) NATIONAL MARKETING LEGISLATION & FUNDING

## **FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

- 8) FUNDING FOR SHRIMP FISHING EFFORT PROGRAM
- 9) SEA TURTLES - Skimmer Trawls
- 10) SAWFISH
- 11) BLACKNOSE SHARKS
- 12) COAST GUARD NEW FISHING VESSEL SAFETY REGULATIONS

## **ANNUAL WASHINGTON, DC FLY-IN**

- 13) CAPITAL HILL MEETINGS & SHRIMP BOIL

## **FISHERMEN'S INPUT – THE VOICE OF THE INDUSTRY**

We also want to hear what you have to say. **You'll have an OPEN FORUM with NO TIME LIMITS!**

- What do you think needs to be done to improve the shrimp industry?
- What should be the top priorities?
- What are your individual priorities?

There are many opportunities to get involved in the process.

- Do you want to be a part of SSA?
- Do you want to serve on a Committee?
- Do you want to get involved in another way?

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON!!**

**POST THIS FLYER WHERE OTHER SHRIMPERS WILL SEE IT.**

**THESE MEETINGS ARE FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN THE SHRIMP INDUSTRY.**