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Paul Gilliland, Marine Management Organisation, United Kingdom
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TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012: Implementation and Results: What Are the Effects of MSP?

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8:45 Regulatory Results
Identify mechanisms that improved coordination among government regulators, identify how their regulatory process has changed (e.g. predictability, number of appeals) post MSP, and how industry is behaving differently due to those changes.

Maureen Bornholdt, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Grover Fugate, R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council

Key Questions:
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10:25 Economic and Social Results
Identify the economic impacts of MSP.

Bill Moore, Deepwater Wind, Inc.
Bela Buck, Alfred Wegener Institute, Germany

Key Questions:
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4. Please try to provide a summary of how your country/state/region’s, industry economic portfolio has changed directly because of MSP.
5. How are you monitoring these economic impacts?

12:00 Lunch

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Vera Agostini, The Nature Conservancy, Florida
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