# **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**

# **Workshop: Principles and Practices of Group Facilitation**

Monday, March 21 or Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:45am-5:00 pm

The Westin Alexandria | 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia | (703) 253-8600

#### **AGENDA**

### **Workshop Purposes:**

- ⇒ To study key philosophies of process-based facilitation
- ⇒ To explore best practices

### **Workshop Plan** (as of 3/16/2016):

*NOTE:* The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be presented is subject to change; other items may be added or removed as necessary.

GATHER	8:45-9:00am
1. Workshop Opening  ⇒ Welcome  ⇒ Overview  ⇒ Introductions	9:00-9:25am
2. Understanding Group Facilitation  ⇒ What is it?  ⇒ IAF core competencies  ⇒ Roles  ⇒ Basic skillsets	9:25-9:50am
3. Laying the Groundwork – Planning and Preparation  ⇒ The meeting purpose  ⇒ The right participants  ⇒ Planning the work and agenda development  ⇒ Preparing participants  ⇒ The meeting space and supplies	9:50-10:20am
BREAK	10:20-10:30am
4. Setting the Stage – The Important Opening  ⇒ Before the opening  ⇒ What to include	10:30-11:00am
5. Guiding the Process – Keeping Focused and On-Task  ⇒ Process-based approach  ⇒ Transitions  ⇒ Instructions for each process  ⇒ Managing the workflow  ⇒ Manage the group dynamics  ⇒ Managing yourself	11:00am-12:00pm
LUNCH	12:00-12:45pm

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6. Preparing for Group Decision-Making	12:45-2:00pm
<ul> <li>7. Managing Interventions and Dysfunction</li> <li>⇒ Recognizing dysfunction</li> <li>⇒ Disagreement and conflict</li> <li>⇒ Prevention and preparation</li> <li>⇒ When to intervene</li> </ul>	2:00-3:00pm
BREAK	3:00-3:10pm
8. Concluding the Meeting – The Important Closing  ⇒ What to include  ⇒ Time extension  ⇒ After the closing	3:10-3:30pm
9. Give it a Go ( <i>Time Permitting</i> )  ⇒ <i>Practice</i>	3:30pm-4:30pm
10. Workshop Closing  ⇒ Review  ⇒ Reflection  ⇒ Next Steps	4:30-5:00pm