

Joint Meeting of the Billfish and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panels

Draft Agenda

February 21-23, 2006
Crowne Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn), Silver Spring, Maryland

Time	Agenda Item	Notes
Tuesday, February 21, 2006		
1:00pm	<u>Welcome and Introductory Remarks</u>	
	<u>Setting the Stage for this Week</u> (Margo Schulze-Haugen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Background and status/update on process/timeline▪ Summary of comments from public hearings held to-date▪ "Housekeeping", logistics
	<u>Review and Adopt Agenda</u> (Paul Anninos, ICF Consulting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Roles, ground rules▪ Review/discuss agenda▪ Adopt agenda
2:00pm	Bycatch Reduction: Workshops	Presentation and discussion
3:00pm	Break	
3:15pm	Bycatch Reduction: Time & Area Closures	Presentation and discussion
4:45pm	Public Comment	
5:15pm	Adjourn	
Wednesday, February 22, 2006		
8:00am	Rebuilding and Preventing Overfishing: Northern Albacore Tuna (30 minutes) Finetooth Sharks (30 minutes)	Presentation and discussion
9:00am	Rebuilding and Preventing Overfishing: Atlantic Billfish	Presentation and discussion
9:45am	Break	
10:00am	Atlantic Billfish (cont)	Discussion

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11:00am	Management Program Structure: Bluefin Tuna Quota Management	Presentation and Discussion
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Management Program Structure: Bluefin Tuna Management	Discussion
2:00pm	Management Program Structure: Timeframe for Annual Management of HMS Fisheries ("Fishing Years")	Presentation and discussion
2:30pm	Break	
2:45pm	Management Program Structure: Authorized Fishing Gears	Presentation and discussion
4:15pm	Public Comment	
5:00pm	Adjourn	

Thursday, February 23, 2006

8:00am	Management Program Structure: Regulatory Housekeeping Measures	Presentation and discussion
9:30am	Break	
10:00am	Essential Fish Habitat Update	Presentation and discussion
10:45am	Fisheries Enforcement Issues	NOAA Fisheries Office of Enforcement
11:30am	Shark Industry Buyout	Presentation by Rusty Hudson
12:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm	Other Rulemaking	Discussion
2:30pm	Miscellaneous Issues	Forage Considerations General Category Fishery in 2007 Smooth Dogfish Management Dusky Shark Assessment
3:00pm	Break	
3:15pm	Miscellaneous Issues (cont)	
4:15pm	Public Comment	
4:45pm	Wrap Up and Adjourn	