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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18-19, 2009

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on Feb 18-19, 2009, in Silver Spring, Maryland. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of HMS.

The AP meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19. The primary focus of the meeting will be to discuss Amendment 3 to the Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for small coastal sharks, and any potential changes to management of Atlantic bluefin tuna as a result of the November 2008 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting. Additional details including an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.

This email notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information related to HMS, please call 301-713-2347 or see the HMS web page at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/.

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