

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

March 13 - 15, 2012

DRAFT AGENDA

*Crowne Plaza Hotel
8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD*

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

- 8:30 am *HMS Advisory Panel 101 for new members (optional)*
- 9:30 am Welcome; Introduction of Facilitator, Advisory Panel, and Staff; Agenda adoption
Scott McCreary, Facilitator
- 10:00 am Overview of Recent Activities and Upcoming Actions/Issues (Schulze-Haugen)
Vessel Monitoring Systems – Update and Next Steps
eDealer Update/Demo
Litigation – Porbeagle; Bluefin Tuna
Shark Updates
Weak Hook Implementation/Preliminary Analyses
- 11:00 am International Affairs Update (Dr. Rebecca Lent, Angela Somma)
Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing; Port State Measures, CITES
Conference of the Parties 16 meeting
- 11:30 am ICCAT 2011 Update and Next Steps (Dr. John Graves)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Law Enforcement Update (OLE/GCEL; *Bruce Buckson invited*)
- 2:00 pm Bluefin Tuna Issues and Options (HMS staff)
2011 Year in Review
White Paper on Overall Bluefin Tuna Management Review (Amendment 7)
2012 Bluefin Tuna Specifications
Other issues
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Bluefin Tuna Issues and Options continued
- 5:15 pm Public Comment
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 5:45 pm *Public Hearing: Bluefin Tuna 2012 Specifications Proposed Rule (tentative)*

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

- 8:30 am Reconvene
- 8:45 am Amendment 5 Pre-Draft: Atlantic Shark Rebuilding (HMS staff)
Sandbar, Dusky, Blacknose, Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks
- 10:00 am Remarks from Samuel D. Rauch, III, Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am Amendment 5 Pre-Draft continued
- 11:15 am Amendment 6 Scoping: Consideration of Catch Shares in Shark Fishery Update (HMS staff)
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm HMS Research Plan and Remarks from Dr. Richard Merrick, Director Scientific Programs & Chief Science Advisor for Fisheries
- 2:00 pm Amendment 4 Caribbean Management Proposed Rule (HMS staff)
- 3:00 pm Public Comment: Amendment 4 Caribbean Management Proposed Rule
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Amendment 8 Pre-Draft: Swordfish Commercial Access (HMS staff)
- 4:30 pm Swordfish 2012 Quotas, Minimum Sizes, and Other Measures (HMS staff)
- 5:15 pm Public Comment
- 5:30 pm Adjourn
- 5:45 pm *Public Hearing: Swordfish 2012 Quotas, Minimum Sizes, and Other Measures Proposed Rule (tentative)*

Thursday, March 15, 2012

- 8:30 am Reconvene
- 8:45 am Recreational HMS Issues/Updates (Ron Salz, Jason Adriance, *Russ Dunn invited*)
Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Re-estimation and Updates
Large Pelagics Survey (LPS) Re-estimation Plans
Louisiana Yellowfin Tuna Recreational Permit and Reporting Update

Massachusetts Census Bluefin Tuna Pilot Program Update
Puerto Rico Catch Card Pilot Update
HMS Recreational Action Plan
Yellowfin Tuna Recreational Landings Issues
Tournament Registration Updates

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Endangered Species Act Petition Updates: Scalloped Hammerhead Shark & Marlin
(Margaret Miller)

11:00 am Public Comment

11:15 am HMS Advisory Panel Priorities & Next Steps (Schulze-Haugen)

12:00 pm Adjourn