

**Joint Meeting of the Billfish and Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panels
Agenda**

March 21-23, 2005

**Holiday Inn
Silver Spring, Maryland**

Monday, March 21, 2005

1:00 pm Introduction

- Welcome
- Objective of the meeting
- Adoption of agenda

1:30 pm Summary Information

- 2005 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report
- Management actions completed in 2004
- Annual meeting of International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- Consolidation of HMS and Billfish FMPs

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Expected Management Actions in 2005

- Proposed Rule for Shark 2nd/3rd Trimester Seasons (Public Hearing and Public Comment)
- Proposed Rule for ICCAT Trade Lifting Recommendations (Public Hearing and Public Comment)
- 2005 BFT Specifications (Informal Public Meeting)

5:00 pm Adjourn

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

8:00 am Begin Discussion of Predraft for Consolidated HMS FMP

8:15 am Bycatch Reduction

- Workshops

9:15 am Break

9:30 am Bycatch Reduction, Continued

- Time/Area Closures
- 10:30am Essential Fish Habitat**
 - Five year review and update
- 11:00am Public Comment**
- 11:30am Rebuilding and Preventing Overfishing**
 - Northern Albacore Tuna
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Rebuilding and Preventing Overfishing, Continued**
 - Finetooth Sharks
 - Billfish
- 2:00 pm Break**
- 2:15 pm Rebuilding and Preventing Overfishing, Continued**
 - Billfish
- 5:00 pm Break**
- 5:15 pm Bluefin Tuna Recreational Management and Monitoring**
- 6:45 pm Adjourn**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

- 8:00 am Continue Discussion of Predraft for Consolidated HMS**
- 8:15 am Management Program Structure**
 - Bluefin Tuna Quota Management
- 9:30 am Break**
- 9:45am Management Program Structure, Continued**
 - Bluefin Tuna Quota Management
 - Fishing Years
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Management Program Structure, Continued**
 - Authorized Gears

- Regulatory Housekeeping
- 2:15 pm Break**
- 2:30 pm NC Petition for Rulemaking - Sharks**
- 3:00pm HMS Enforcement Issues**
- 4:00 pm Public comment**
- 4:30 pm Wrap-up**
 - Summary of major discussions during meeting
 - Possible timing of next AP meeting and discussion topics
- 5:00 pm Adjourn**