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12.0 LIST OF PREPARERS

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- The Northeast Fisheries Science Center (Dr. Russell Brown, Dr. Nancy Kohler, Dr. Cami McCandless, Dr. Lisa Natanson, and Katherine Sosebee);
- The Southeast Regional Office of Protected Resources (David Bernhart, Steve Branstetter, Roy Crabtree, and Jenny Lee, Andrew Herndon);
- The Office of Law Enforcement (Jeff Radonski and Paul Raymond)
- NOAA General Counsel (Meggan Engelke-Ros, Scott Farley, Caroline Park, and Megan Walline); and;
- NMFS NEPA (Tammy Adams, Aileen Smith, and Steve Leathery).
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12.1 List of Agencies, Organizations, and Persons Consulted and to Whom Copies of the EIS Will Be Sent

Under 304(g)(1)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NMFS is required to consult with affected Fishery Management Councils, ICCAT Commissioners and advisory groups, and the APs established under the Magnuson-Stevens Act regarding amendments to a FMP. As described below, NMFS provided documents and met with the consulting parties and to the

ASMFC and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission at various stages throughout the process. Hard copies and/or CDs of these documents were also provided to anyone who requested copies.

NMFS announced its intent to prepare an EIS on May 7, 2008 (73 FR 25665). In this notice, NMFS asked for comments on existing commercial and recreational shark management measures that would assist the Agency in determining options for conservation and management of Atlantic sharks consistent with relevant federal statutes. On July 2, 2008 (73 FR 37932) and September 13, 2008 (73 FR 53407), NMFS announced the availability of a scoping document and five scoping meetings were held from July through September 2008. During the scoping meetings, NMFS described the results of recent stock assessments, issues that need to be addressed concerning shark management, and options or alternatives that may be implemented to achieve objectives.

NMFS released a Predraft of Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and a summary of the scoping comments to the HMS AP in February 2009. This document was also put on the HMS website. NMFS requested that the HMS AP and consulting parties (New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, Marine Fisheries Commissions, U.S. Coast Guard, and other State and Federal Agency representatives) submit comments on the Predraft by March 16, 2009. The Predraft was presented to the Gulf of Mexico (73 FR 58567), South Atlantic (73 FR 50781), Mid-Atlantic (73 FR 56804), Caribbean (73 FR 43691), and New England (73 FR 54790) Fishery Management Councils. While some of the options changed between the Predraft and draft stages of Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, the overall list of issues to be addressed has not changed. A summary of the comments received during scoping (May 7, 2008 to November 14, 2008) can be found on the HMS website: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslst/2009/02-12-09_Predraft_for_Amendment_3.pdf. A summary and the transcripts of the February 2009 AP meeting can also be found on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

On July 24, 2009 NMFS released the draft Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated FMP and its proposed rule (74 FR 36892). In the proposed rule, NMFS announced nine public hearings that would take place from New Hampshire to Louisiana, and set a deadline for the public comment period, which was to end on September 22, 2009. On August 10, 2009 the comment period was extended to September 25, 2009 (74 FR 39914), to accommodate two public hearings scheduled on September 22, 2009, and the New England Fishery Management Council meeting that was scheduled from September 22 through 24, 2009. The draft Amendment was presented to the South Atlantic (74 FR 44352), Mid-Atlantic (74 FR 34556), Gulf of Mexico (74 FR 36669) Caribbean (74 FR 40168), and New England (74 FR 45821) Fishery Management Councils. During the comment period NMFS received 37 individual written comments regarding the proposed management measures in the DEIS. All the entities that provided written comments are listed in Table 12.1. The summary of the comments and NMFS' responses is provided in Appendix D and will also be in the final rule. Copies of all the written comments received can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> (search for 0648-AW65).

After the end of the comment period, NMFS reviewed the public comments, the comments provided by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and the Southeast Fishery Science

Center, and the analyses for the alternatives and made changes to the preferred alternatives and/or the supporting analyses, as needed, in order to address the comments received and/or other concerns that were raised during the comment period. All comments were considered when finalizing this document. NMFS also received comments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the DEIS (July 24, 2009, 74 FR 36706). The DEIS received a rating of “LO,” which means lack of objection. NMFS responds to EPA’s specific comments in Appendix B with the other public comments received. Copies of this final document will be sent to the EPA regional offices, the HMS consulting parties (the affected Regional Fishery Management Councils, ICCAT Commissioners and advisory groups, and the Advisory Panels), the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, and other interested parties. An electronic version will also be placed on the HMS Management Division webpage.

Table 12.1 Individuals that submitted written public comment for Draft Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP

Name	Affiliation
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Elizabeth Griffin	Oceana
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Duane Harris	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
John Henry	NA
William Hoffman	NA
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Joe Klostermann	NA
Robert Knapp	NA
Kimberly Marable	NA
Heinz Mueller	Environmental Protection Agency
Randy Pausina and Myron Fischer	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Robert Shipp	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Susan Shipman	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
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Sharon Young	Humane Society of the United States

