



This information will be used to estimate tournament fishing effort and landings of highly migratory species for stock assessments and national statistical reports.

If available, please send a copy of the tournament brochure and rules

Thank you for helping the National Marine Fisheries Service track Highly Migratory Species recreational activities. For more information about HMS or for current regulations, contact the following personnel:

- Billfish, Swordfish, and HMS Tournament Registration: Russ Dunn, Rick Pearson, or Greg Fairclough, or Randy Blankinship at 727-824-5399
- Sharks: Chris Rilling or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347
- Tunas: Mark Murray-Brown or Brad Mchale at 978-281-9260

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