

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
September 20-22, 2011
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

DAY ONE, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Arrival and Greetings **9:45 AM**

Welcome and Introductions **10:00 AM**

- Welcome and Meeting Purpose Overview (*Schulze-Haugen*)
- Agenda and Ground Rules Review and Adoption (*CONCUR*)
- Introductions

Overview of Recent Activities **10:30 AM**

- Brief review of recent activities and upcoming actions/issues (*Schulze-Haugen*)
 - Topics include: General program updates; Amendment 4 (Caribbean), bluefin tuna 2011 quota final rule, shark ICCAT final rule, 2011 swordfish specifications final rule, 2012 shark specifications proposed rule & 2012 research fishery, Shark Conservation Act, bluefin tuna regulatory amendment, and weak hook implementation updates
- Opportunity for Panel member questions and comments

Update: VMS and eDealer Rulemaking **11:30 AM**

- Provide overview on status of VMS and eDealer rulemaking; summarize public comments received (*HMS Division staff*)
- Opportunity for Panel member questions and comments

Lunch **NOON**

Discussion Topic: HMS Recreational Fisheries-Related Issues **1:30 PM**

- Briefing: HMS Recreational Fisheries Action Plan and the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Action Plan (*HMS Division staff; Russell Dunn, National Recreational Fisheries Policy Advisor invited but unable to attend*)
 - Opportunity for Panel questions and discussion
- Briefing: Recreational Fisheries Monitoring Initiatives (*Gordon Colvin, Ron Salz invited*)
 - Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) re-estimation of recreational landings and upcoming assessment of the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS)
 - Massachusetts bluefin tuna census pilot program
 - Consider implications for HMS fisheries management
 - Opportunity for Panel questions and discussion

Break **2:30 PM**

Discussion Topic: Consider Need for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna FMP Amendment **2:45 PM**

- Initial presentation on possible actions to related to Atlantic bluefin tuna (*HMS Division staff*)
 - Review of White Paper on state of Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery, recent management changes, and current and future needs
 - Specific topics to be engaged: dead discards; reporting and monitoring methods; allocation and sub-allocation issues
 - Opportunity for clarifying questions
- Note: In-depth Panel discussion to be held Wednesday morning

Public Comment **4:30 PM**

Review Day Two Agenda **4:50 PM**

Adjourn **5:00 PM**

DAY TWO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Arrival and Greetings **8:45 AM**

Welcome and Introductions **9:00 AM**

- Brief agenda review
- Opportunity for reflections or questions from Day One

Discussion Topic: Consider Need for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna FMP Amendment **9:15 AM**

- Continue discussion from Day One
- Focused Panel discussion around following questions:
 - Is there a need for comprehensive changes to bluefin tuna management?
 - What particular recommendations does the Panel have related to accounting for dead discards? To reporting and monitoring methods? To allocation and sub-allocation issues?

Break **10:15 AM**

Continue Discussion: Consider Need for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna FMP Amendment **10:30 AM**

- Additional Panel discussions

Lunch **NOON**

Briefing: Enforcement Update **1:15 PM**

- Acknowledgement of new OLE Director Bruce Buckson (*invited but unable to attend*) and return of SF Office Director Alan Risenhoover (*invited but unable to attend*)
- Brief review of recent enforcement activities and upcoming actions/issues (*OLE and GCEL staff invited*)
 - Opportunity for Panel questions and brief comments

Discussion Topic: Shark Stock Assessment Updates & Rebuilding Plans **1:45 PM**

- Review and discuss stock assessment results for sandbar, dusky and blacknose sharks
- Presentation and discussion on possible actions in Amendment 5 to implement rebuilding plans for scalloped hammerhead and other sharks (*HMS Division staff*)
 - Opportunity for clarifying questions and general comments

Break **3:15 PM**

Discussion Topic: Swordfish General Commercial Permit Concept **3:30 PM**

- Presentation on swordfish permit concept to authorize rod and reel and harpoon gear for commercial use (*HMS Division staff*)
- Discussion areas for Panel:
 - Is there continuing interest in this concept?
 - How might a potential permit be implemented? How would regulations be developed to address region-specific concerns?

Public Comment **4:30 PM**

Review Day Three Agenda **4:50 PM**

Adjourn **5:00 PM**

DAY THREE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Arrival and Greetings **8:45 AM**

Welcome and Introductions **9:00 AM**

- Brief agenda review
- Opportunity for reflections or questions from Day Two

Briefing: HMS Research Plan **9:15 AM**

- Presentation on Final Atlantic HMS Research Plan (Dr. Guillermo Diaz, *invited*)
 - Opportunity for Panel member questions and comments

Briefing: National Ocean Policy Update **9:45 AM**

- Provide update on development of National Ocean Policy (*Samuel Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, invited*)
- Opportunity for clarifying questions and brief observations

Break **10:15 AM**

Update: Future of the Shark Fishery **10:30 AM**

- Overview of Amendment 6 (Future of Shark Fishery/Catch Shares)
- Opportunity for clarifying questions and brief comments
 - Focused discussion on Amendment 6 deferred to workshop in the afternoon of September 22

Public Comment **11:30 AM**

Meeting Summary: HMS Advisory Panel Priorities and Next Steps **11: 45 AM**

- Present key findings and next steps from HMS meeting
- Opportunity for comments and additional observations

Adjourn **Noon**



*Follow-on workshop
Future of the Shark Fishery/Catch Shares (Amendment 6)
Crowne Plaza Hotel*