

1. INTRODUCTION

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) establishes a long-range, transparent, and inclusive process to sustainably manage the fisheries of the United States. The fishery management plan (FMP) is the primary management instrument established by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. A component of the 2006 Final Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (Consolidated HMS FMP) is the production of an annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report. Table 1.1 provides a list of most of the abbreviations and acronyms that are used in this document or that are commonly used in fishery management.

The SAFE Report provides a summary of the best available scientific information on the condition of stocks, marine ecosystems, and fisheries being managed under Federal regulation. It also provides updated information regarding the economic status of fisheries, fishing communities, and industries, as well as the socio-economic and environmental impacts of recently implemented regulations. This information evaluates the effectiveness of Federal and state Atlantic HMS management programs, and provides the basis for future management decisions.

Consistent with the guidelines for National Standard 2 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SAFE report is prepared annually and used as a reference in the evaluation and refinement of fisheries management practices. This 2007 SAFE Report is a separate document from any other rulemaking. The report provides the most current data that would be used to determine appropriate annual harvest levels; document significant trends in the resource, marine ecosystems, and fisheries over time; assess the relative success of state and Federal management programs; and identify bycatch and safety issues. Through a comprehensive annual update of key biological, economic, and social indicators, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) can ensure use of the best available scientific data in its decision making process.

This SAFE Report is a vehicle to introduce new information, identify additional management issues that may need to be addressed, and begin a preliminary assessment and evaluation of fishery regulations. The SAFE Report includes the latest stock assessment data, recommendations, and resolutions from the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and its Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS). The report also includes the latest domestic shark assessment information. In compliance with National Standard 2 guidelines, the report presents a comprehensive summary of the most recent Atlantic HMS fisheries-related data from a variety of sources across a wide range of disciplines.

1.1 Summary and Update on HMS Management Division Activities During 2006 and 2007

NMFS held HMS Advisory Panel meetings in March and October 2007, and April 2008 in Silver Spring, MD. These meetings provided valuable comments on a suite of management actions considered during calendar years 2007 and 2008. A summary of the discussion can be found on the HMS website at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms, along with the meeting transcripts. These documents are also available by calling the HMS Management Division at 301-713-2347.

In 2006, NMFS published the Consolidated HMS FMP (July 14, 2006, 71 FR 40096). The Consolidated HMS FMP combines management measures and regulations for all HMS in the current management unit. In 2007, the bluefin tuna fishery was subject to various inseason actions (primarily changes to Angling and General category daily retention limits). The Atlantic shark fishery also was the subject of several rulemakings, including a draft amendment to the Consolidated HMS FMP in response to the 2006 large coastal shark (LCS) and dusky shark stock assessments, several rules to implement trimester seasons in 2006 and 2007, implementation of mandatory dehooking equipment to ensure the safe handling and release of protected resources, and identification workshops for shark dealers. The swordfish fishery was also modified by a rulemaking in 2007 that changed several upgrading restrictions for vessels, increased the swordfish retention limits of limited access incidental permit holders, and increased retention limits of charter/headboat and Angling category permit holders. Swordfish quota specifications were finalized in 2007. A billfish tournament requirement to use circle hooks with natural bait and natural bait/artificial combinations was suspended in early 2007 but was reinstated effective January 2008.

1.2 2006 and 2007 Accomplishments of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

The 15th Special Meeting of the ICCAT was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, November 20-26, 2006. ICCAT is an international fishery management organization with 45 members, including the United States. The United States helped develop agreements aimed at promoting the conservation and rebuilding of Atlantic highly migratory fish stocks (e.g., tunas, swordfish, and billfish), including those critical to U.S. fishermen.

Many proposals were adopted in Croatia, including the extension of existing conservation and management measures for blue and white marlin stocks, North and South Atlantic swordfish stocks, western and eastern Atlantic bluefin tuna stocks, and the North Atlantic albacore tuna stock. A summary of the agreed measures follows:

Marlins: ICCAT adopted revisions to its rebuilding plan for blue and white marlin to enhance conservation of the stocks via Recommendation 06-09. Enhancements included:

- 1) Improved reporting requirements which mandate submission of data on the disposition of released and discarded marlin by area and season

- 2) Submission to SCRS of documentation on the character and extent of artisanal fisheries
- 3) Beginning in 2007, but no later than 2008, implementation of domestic measures to cap artisanal marlin catches at 2006 levels
- 4) Monitoring of and reporting on effort (including number of fishing vessels) and catches (landings and discards) in artisanal marlin fisheries
- 5) Presentation by SCRS of work plans to achieve Phase 2 of the rebuilding plan at the 2010 ICCAT meeting

In addition, Recommendation 06-09 set the next assessment for Atlantic blue and white marlin for 2010. It also extended the U.S. recreationally caught annual marlin landing limit of 250 blue and white marlin combined until 2010, and extended requirements for the United States to maintain billfish tournament observer coverage levels at 10 percent through 2010. Finally, Recommendation 06-09 maintained various scientific monitoring programs.

North Atlantic Swordfish: The 2006 ICCAT recommendation 06-02 set a total allowable catch (TAC) of 14,000 metric tons (mt) for 2007 and 2008 with 3,907 mt allocated to the United States per year. In addition, the recommendation set carryover caps for Contracting Parties and Co-operating Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs). The maximum underage that a CPC may carry over cannot exceed 50 percent of its quota allocation, which is 1,953.5 mt for the United States under the current allocation scheme. Furthermore, recommendation 06-02 includes a clause that allows CPCs with a TAC allocation to make a one-time transfer within a fishing year of up to 15 percent of its TAC allocation to other CPCs with TAC allocations. The recommendation allocated 2,690 mt of U.S. underharvest from the 2003 - 2006 management period to the TAC for 2007 and 2008 in an effort to accommodate interest expressed by a number of developing states to develop fisheries for North Atlantic swordfish. This allocation was evenly split at 1,345 mt per year for 2007 and 2008. Finally, recommendation 06-02 retains the provision allowing the United States to harvest up to 200 mt of its annual catch limit between 5 degrees North latitude and 5 degrees South latitude, and also retains the provision for the transfer of 25 mt to Canada annually.

South Atlantic Swordfish: The 2006 ICCAT recommendation 06-03 set a TAC of 17,000 mt for 2007, 2008, and 2009, with 100 mt allocated to the United States per year. In addition, the recommendation set carryover caps for CPCs. The maximum underage that a CPC may carry over cannot exceed 50 percent of its quota allocation.

Western Atlantic Bluefin Tuna: The 2006 ICCAT Recommendation (06-06) lowered the western Atlantic TAC from 2,700 mt to 2,100 mt, in line with scientific advice to stop overfishing. The western bluefin recommendation also includes provisions to: (1) limit carryover of underharvest to no more than 50 percent of a contracting party's initial TAC; (2) limit mortality of school bluefin tuna (under 30 kg) to an average of 10 percent of the initial TAC, calculated on a four-year basis; and (3) allow a contracting party with a TAC allocation to make a one-time transfer within a fishing year of up to 15 percent of its TAC allocation to other contracting parties with TAC allocations, consistent with

domestic obligations and conservation considerations. In anticipation of a cap on carryover for the 2007 fishing year (i.e., 595.1 mt, or one half of the initial U.S. TAC of 1,190.12 mt) and in anticipation of a substantial underharvest of the 2006 fishing year domestic quota, the United States agreed at the 2006 ICCAT meeting to transfer a total of 275 mt of current U.S. underharvest (i.e., underharvest of the 2006 fishing year quota) as follows: 75 mt and 100 mt for 2007 and 2008, respectively, to Mexico, and 50 mt for each of the years 2007 and 2008 to Canada.

Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Bluefin Tuna: Despite the strong recommendation from SCRS that catch levels for this stock should not exceed about 15,000 mt (the level expected to halt overfishing), Recommendation 06-05 as adopted by ICCAT did not include an appropriate suite of measures to ensure this. Recommendation 06-05 established a 15 year management plan, which is to be reviewed in 2008. It set a 29,500 mt catch level for 2007 with gradual reductions to 25,500 by 2010. Country specific quota allocations were developed at a special intersessional meeting in early 2007 and adopted by mail vote in March 2007. In addition to the high TAC, the adopted time/area closure for the fishery did not cover the peak Mediterranean spawning month of June for the purse seine fleet, and the increase in the minimum size limit to 30 kg contained significant carve outs that allow 8 kg fish to be harvested in certain fisheries (e.g., for farming purposes). The recommendation also did not require Contracting Parties to payback past quota overharvests, and it allows the carry forward of 50 percent of under harvests from 2005 and/or 2006.

The recommendation included enhancements to fishery monitoring and control to improve compliance with agreed conservation and management measures. Among other things, these included; (1) prohibition of chartering by 2010 and prohibition of trans-shipment at sea; (2) enhanced controls on landing in port; (3) real time data collection and reporting to the flag state and the ICCAT Secretariat; (4) enhanced controls on farming activities, including the use of observers; (5) increased observer coverage on bluefin tuna fleets; (6) centralized VMS data reporting to the ICCAT Secretariat; (7) enhanced market controls; and (7) application of ICCAT's existing joint international inspection scheme and a commitment to develop a revised scheme. (Note: The additional farming controls are in addition to a separate recommendation adopted in 2006 amending earlier farming recommendations.)

North Atlantic Albacore: Via Recommendation 06-04, ICCAT agreed to roll over the existing recommendation for northern albacore through 2007. It was agreed that management measures for albacore would be comprehensively reviewed at the 2007 ICCAT meeting in light of the 2007 stock assessment.

Other Commission actions of significance in 2006 included:

Trade related measures: ICCAT agreed to identify Cambodia and Sierra Leone under the Trade Measures Resolution, which is a first step toward the implementation of trade restrictive measures. ICCAT also agreed to continue sanctions against Georgia and Bolivia. Cooperating Status for Netherlands Antilles was revoked. Cooperating Status

for Taiwan (i.e., Chinese Taipei) and Guyana was continued. Because St. Vincent and the Grenadines became a contracting party during the 2006 ICCAT meeting, consideration of its 2005 identification was taken up in the Compliance Committee and eventually revoked. The Trade Measures Resolution was converted from a non-binding resolution to a binding recommendation. It was also expanded to explicitly cover farming activities.

Taiwan: ICCAT reinstated Taiwan's bigeye tuna quota, given the effort made by that party to comply with the 2005 directive to reduce fleet capacity, ensure compliance by the remaining fleet, and investigate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing activities. In reinstating the quota, ICCAT adopted a recommendation (06-01) that requires Taiwan to continue certain monitoring and control activities, including periodic reports on its compliance activities through 2007, and continued efforts to eliminate IUU fishing supported by Taiwan business interests.

IUU vessel list: A measure was adopted amending provisions of the existing ICCAT IUU vessel list, including defining IUU activities, establishing a process to remove vessels from the list inter-sessionally (by majority decision), and extending the measure to ICCAT member vessels.

Other compliance related measures: ICCAT adopted Recommendation 06-15 to enhance control and management of ICCAT quotas through cooperation between and among parties. This recommendation specifies that flag countries shall validate bluefin tuna statistical documents only when a country has not exhausted its quota and is in compliance with other relevant conservation and management measures. Importing states shall not import bluefin tuna unless the statistical document is duly validated. Finally, countries are required to cooperate to ensure statistical (trade tracking) documents are not forged or do not contain misinformation.

Commission Actions of Significance in 2007:

The 20th Regular Meeting of ICCAT was held in Antalya, Turkey, November 12-18, 2007. ICCAT made progress on a number of issues in 2007, but failed to take meaningful action to address the decline of the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna stock and poor monitoring and control of that fishery. While the United States pressed ICCAT to adopt a measure to suspend bluefin fishing in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean until monitoring and control issues could be addressed, ICCAT instead adopted a non-binding measure (Resolutions 06-08). The non-binding measure requested that parties submit documents by February 2008 detailing how they are implementing ICCAT's 2006 management plan for the eastern fishery and submit a report at the end of the fishing season on the results of implementation. It further requests that parties involved in the bluefin tuna fishery hold a stakeholder meeting in March 2008 to review fishery rules and market activities and to work out a voluntary action plan to reduce fishing, caging, and imports to ensure catch levels are commensurate with those specified in the 2006 management plan. In a more positive and concrete action, ICCAT adopted a catch documentation scheme for bluefin tuna which

should improve overall data reporting since the new approach will cover bluefin whether it enters international trade or not.

ICCAT adopted a two-year measure (Recommendation 07-02) for northern albacore tuna that reduced the TAC. This measure reduced the U.S. allocation of northern albacore from 607 mt to 538 mt. A binding recommendation (07-03) for southern albacore adopted in 2007 that reduced the TAC consistent with scientific advice was also adopted. ICCAT also adopted measures for the conservation of sharks (Recommendation 07-06) that included requirements to reduce fishing mortality in fisheries targeting porbeagle and shortfin mako sharks. This measure will not directly impact the United States because there is not a directed U.S. fishery for these species and because the United States has already taken steps to reduce mortality of these species that satisfy ICCAT requirements. A binding recommendation requiring the use of tori lines and line weighting on vessels fishing south of 20 degrees South to reduce seabird bycatch was also adopted.

Other actions taken by ICCAT in 2007, included: (1) amendment of IUU vessel list measures by providing a process for incorporating vessels on other tuna regional fishery management organization IUU lists into the ICCAT IUU list; (2) a continuation of trade sanctions against certain non-members; and (3) the election of Dr. Christopher Rogers, of the United States, as Chairman of the Compliance Committee. U.S. leadership of this committee will give the United States a heightened ability to address compliance issues.

1.3 Summary of Regulatory Actions During 2006 and 2007

During calendar year 2006, NMFS' HMS Management Division completed numerous rulemakings and in-season actions, including the Consolidated HMS FMP, which implemented management measures for all HMS in the management unit. In 2007, Amendment 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP was undertaken and is expected to rebuild and end overfishing of some shark species. The Final Rule was published June 24, 2008 (73 FR 35778). Each of these regulatory actions is consistent with existing HMS stock rebuilding plans, and is supported by a regulatory analysis, as required, of the action's socio-economic and/or ecological effects. These analyses are updates to previous environmental and regulatory impact analyses, and are found in supporting documents including but not limited to Environmental Assessments (EA), Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), and/or Regulatory Impact Reviews (RIR). As reflected in these supporting documents, which are available from NMFS upon request, these actions are not expected to have adverse ecological impacts on target, non-target, or protected species, but are expected to have positive cumulative impacts. Table 1.2 provides a list of all Federal Register notices published during 2006 and 2007 related to specific actions pertaining to Atlantic HMS fisheries. The Consolidated HMS FMP summarizes state rules and regulations pertaining to HMS.

Table 1.1 List of Commonly Used Fishery Management Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Initialisms.

AA	Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
ACCSP	Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program
ACS	Angler consumer surplus
ANPR	Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
AOCTRP	Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan
AOCTRT	Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team
AP	Advisory Panel

APA	Administrative Procedure Act
ASMFC	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
ATCA	Atlantic Tunas Convention Act
B	Biomass
BAYS	Bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, skipjack tunas
BET	Bigeye tuna
BFT	Bluefin tuna
BiOp	Biological Opinion
B_{MSY}	Biomass expected to yield maximum sustainable yield
B_{OY}	Biomass expected to yield optimum yield
CFMC	Caribbean Fishery Management Council
CFL	Curved fork length
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHB	Charter/Headboat
CIE	Center for Independent Experts
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
CPUE	Catch per unit effort
CSFOP	Commercial shark fishery observer program
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DPS	Distinct population segment
dw	Dressed weight
EA	Environmental Assessment
EEZ	Exclusive economic zone
EFH	Essential fish habitat
AFP	Exempted fishing permit
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EO	Executive Order
ESA	Endangered Species Act

F	Instantaneous fishing mortality
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FL	Fork Length
FMP	Fishery Management Plan
F_{MSY}	Instantaneous fishing mortality rate expected to yield maximum sustainable yield

FMU	Fishery management unit
F_{OY}	Fishing mortality rate expected to yield optimum yield
FR	Federal Register
FRFA	Final regulatory flexibility analysis
GSAFDF	Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Development Foundation
GMFMC	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
GSMFC	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
HAPC	Habitat area of particular concern
HMS	Highly migratory species: Atlantic sharks, tunas, swordfish, and billfish
HMS FMP	Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan
ICCAT	International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
IPOA	International Plan of Action
IRFA	Initial regulatory flexibility analysis
ITQ	Individual transferable quota
ITS	Incidental take statement
LAP	Limited access permit
LCS	Large coastal sharks
LOA	Letter of acknowledgment
LPS	Large Pelagic Survey
LWTRP	Large Whale Take Reduction Plan
LWTRT	Large Whale Take Reduction Team
MAFMC	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Magnuson-Stevens Act	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
MFMT	Maximum fishing mortality threshold
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
MPA	Marine protected area
MRFSS	Marine Recreational Fishing Statistics Survey
MSST	Minimum stock size threshold
MSY	Maximum sustainable yield
mt	Metric tons

NEFMC	New England Fishery Management Council
NEFSC	Northeast Fisheries Science Center
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NERO	Northeast Regional Office
NGO	Non-governmental organization
nmi	Nautical mile

NOA	Notice of Availability
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPOA	National Plan of Action
NS	National Standards
OSF	Office of Sustainable Fisheries
OY	Optimum yield
POP	Pelagic observer program
OPR	Office of Protected Resources
PRA	Paperwork Reduction Act
Reg Flex Act	Regulatory Flexibility Act
RIR	Regulatory Impact Review
RPAs	Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives
RPMs	Reasonable and Prudent Measures
SAFE Report	Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
SCRS	Standing Committee for Research and Statistics
SCS	Small coastal sharks
SEFSC	Southeast Fisheries Science Center
SEIS	Supplemental environmental impact statement
SERO	Southeast Regional Office
SEW	Stock evaluation workshop
SFA	Sustainable Fisheries Act
SFL	Straight fork length
SK Program	Saltonstall-Kennedy Program
SRP	Scientific research permit
SSB	Spawning stock biomass
TAC	Total allowable catch
TAL	Total allowable landings

TCs	Terms and Conditions
TL	Total length
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
VMS	Vessel monitoring system
WTP	Willingness to pay
ww	Whole weight

Table 1.2 Summary of NMFS' Atlantic HMS Fisheries Actions

Action Type NMFS ID#	CFR Part	Action Description	Action Pub Info
Temporary Rule ID 122805B	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category Restricted Fishing Days	1/4/2006 71 FR 273
Temporary Rule ID 010406B	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category Suspension of Restricted Fishing Days	1/9/2006 71 FR 1395
Temporary Rule ID 011206I	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category Retention Limit Adjustment	1/20/2006 71 FR 3245
Temporary Rule ID 011906B	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General Category Last Three Restricted Fishing Days Lifted	1/26/2006 71 FR 4310
Proposed Rule ID 100405C RIN 0648-AT73	635	Atlantic Swordfish Quota Adjustment	2/13/2006 71 FR 7499
Proposed Rule ID 012006B RIN 0648-AU17	635	Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures to Establish the Third and Second Trimester Seasons	2/17/2006 71 FR 8557
Proposed Rule ID 020206C RIN 0648-AT72	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specification and Effort Control	2/24/2006 71 FR 9507
Notice ID 120505C	635	Large Coastal Shark Review Workshop	3/9/2006 71 FR 12185
Notice	635	Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Recreational Landings Report	3/22/2006 71 FR 14502
Final Rule ID 012006B RIN 0648-AU17	635	Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures for Second and Third Trimester Seasons	3/31/2006 71 FR 16243
Notice ID 033006B	635	Scientific Research Permit for Pelagic Shark Research	5/4/2006 71 FR 26351

Final Rule ID 100405C RIN 0648-AT73	635	Atlantic Swordfish Quotas Adjustment	5/19/2006 71 FR 29087
Notice of Availability ID 051706A	635	Stock Assessment of Dusky Sharks	5/25/2006 71 FR 30123

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Final Rule ID 020206C RIN 0648-AT72	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota and Effort Controls for the General and Angling Categories	5/30/2006 71 FR 30619
Notice of Availability ID 062306B	635	Final Stock Assessment for Large Coastal Sharks	7/24/2006 71 FR 41774
Temporary Rule ID 081006A	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries Retention Limit Adjustment	8/30/2006 71 FR 51529
Notice ID 081606A	635	Atlantic Swordfish Public Meetings	8/31/2006 71 FR 51803
Final Rule ID 051603C RIN 0648-AQ65	300, 600, and 635	Final Rule for the HMS Consolidated Fishery Management Plan	10/2/2006 71 FR 58058
Proposed Rule ID 091106B RIN 0648-AU84	635	Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures	10/5/2006 71 FR 58778
Notice ID 101106F	635	Shark Dealer Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling and Release Workshops	10/23/2006 71 FR 62095
Notice ID 101206E	635	Nominations for the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel	10/26/2006 71 FR 62586
Proposed Rule ID 091106B RIN 0648-AU84	635	Extension of Comment Period Regarding the 2007 First Trimester Season	11/1/2006 71FR 64213
Temporary Rule ID 102606C	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Retention Limit Adjustment	11/1/2006 71 FR 64165
Notice of Intent ID 082906A RIN 0648-AU89	635	Atlantic Shark Management Measures Comments for an Environmental Impact Statement in Response to Shark Stock Assessments	11/7/2006 71 FR 65086
Notice of Intent ID 101606B RIN 0648-AV00	635	Modification of Essential Fish Habitat for Some Atlantic Highly Migratory Species	11/7/2006 71 FR 65087

Proposed Rule ID 091106B RIN 0648-AU84	635	Extension of Comment Period Regarding the 2007 First Trimester Season	11/13/2006 71 FR 66154
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Notice ID 101106F	635	Shark Dealer Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling and Release Workshops	11/27/2006 71 FR 68561
Notice of Intent ID 101206B	635	Request for Comments on Exempt Fishing, Scientific Research, Display, and Chartering Permits	11/27/2006 71 FR 68557
Proposed Rule ID 110206A RIN 0648-AU86	635	Request for Comment Atlantic Swordfish Management Measures to Revitalize the Fishery	11/28/2006 71 FR 68784
Final Rule and Temporary Rule ID 091106B RIN 0648-AU84	635	Atlantic Shark Commercial Management Measures for 2007 First Trimester Season and South Atlantic Quota Modification	12/14/2006 71 FR 75122
Notice ID 112206A	635	Shark Dealer Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling and Release Workshops	12/18/2006 71 FR 75714
Notice ID 110206A RIN 0648-AU86	635	Notification of Public Hearings Regarding Swordfish Management Measures	1/3/2007 72 FR 96
Notice of Availability ID 082906A	635	Atlantic Shark Management Measures and Public Hearings	1/3/2007 72 FR 123
Notice ID 011907C	635	NMFS Announces the Receipt of an Exempted Fishing Permit to Collect Data on Impacts of J-Hooks on Billfish	2/1/2007 72 FR 4691
Final Rule ID 082305E RIN 0648-AT37	223 and 635	Atlantic Shark Management Measures; Gear Operation and Deployment; Complementary Closures	2/7/2007 72 FR 5633

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Regional Fishery Closure ID 013107D	635	Closure of the Small Coastal Shark Fishery for the Gulf of Mexico	2/14/2007 72 FR 6966
Notice of Availability ID 010307C	635	Revised List of Equipment Models for Careful Release of Sea Turtles in the Pelagic and Bottom Longline Fisheries	2/15/2007 72 FR 7417
Notice ID 013007A	635	Advisory Panel Meeting for March 2007	2/21/2007 72 FR 7860
Notice ID 021307C	635	New VMS Type Approval for HMS Fisheries and Other Programs	2/27/2007 72 FR 8695
Proposed Rule ID 021307B RIN 0648-AV09	635	Atlantic Commercial Shark Management Measures for Second and Third Trimester Seasons	3/8/2007 72 FR 10480
Notice ID 030107C	635	NMFS Announces the Receipt of an Exempted Fishing Permit to Fish PLL Gear in Closed Areas	3/13/2007 72 FR 11327
Notice ID 030507D	635	Schedule of Public Protected Recourses Dehooking Workshops and Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop	3/13/2007 72 FR 11335
Proposed Rule ID 022607F RIN 0648-AV25	635	Suspension of the Circle Hook Rule Intended for Billfish Tournaments	3/15/2007 72 FR 12154
Temporary Rule ID 032107B	635	Inseason Adjustment to the Recreational Retention Limits of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	3/28/2007 72 FR 14491
Proposed Rule and Notice ID 030507A RIN 0648-AU87	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls to the General and Angling Categories	4/4/2007 72 FR 16318
Notice ID 030107C	635	Extension of Comment Period for an Exempt Fishing Permit to Fish in Closed Areas	4/11/2007 72 FR 18208
Notice ID 110306B	635	Small Coastal Shark Stock Assessment Workshop	4/19/2007 72 FR 19701
Final Rule ID 021307B RIN 0648-AV09	635	Atlantic Commercial Shark Management Measures for Second and Third Trimester	4/26/2007 72 FR 20765

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Notice ID 030107C	635	Reopening of Comment Period for Exempt Fishing Permit to Fish in Closed Areas	5/7/2007 72 FR 25748
Final Rule ID 022607F RIN 0648-AV25	635	Suspension of Circle Hook Requirements for Participants in Atlantic Billfish Tournaments	5/11/2007 72 FR 26735
Temporary Rule RIN 0648-XA57	635	Inseason Adjustment to the Recreational Retention Limits of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	5/31/2007 72 FR 30297
Final Rule ID 110206A RIN 0648-AU86	635	Atlantic Swordfish Management Measures to Revitalize the Fishery	6/7/2007 72 FR 31688
Notice RIN 0648-XA61	635	Public Information Meetings for Greenstick Gear	6/8/2007 72 FR 31812
Notice RIN 0648-XA69	635	Schedule of Public Protected Recourses Dehooking Workshops and Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop	6/14/2007 72 FR 32836
Proposed Rule ID 020607C RIN 0648-AV10	635	Atlantic Swordfish Quotas	6/18/2007 72 FR 33436
Final Rule ID 030507A RIN 0648-AU87	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota and Effort Controls	6/18/2007 72 FR 33401
Notice RIN 0648-XB32	635	Small Coastal Shark 2007 Peer Review Workshop	7/18/2007 72 FR 39606
Proposed Rule RIN 0648-AU89	600 635	Amendment 2 to the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan Availability	7/27/2007 72 FR 41392
Notice RIN 0648-XB84	635	Denial of Highly Migratory Species Exempt Fishing Permit for Research In A Closed Area	8/9/2007 72 FR 44834
Notice RIN 0648-XC20	635	Notice of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory panel meeting and EFH FMP Amendment public scoping meeting	8/28/2007 72 FR 49264
Temporary Rule RIN 0648-XC23	635	Inseason retention limit adjustment for Atlantic bluefin tuna fisheries	8/31/2007 72 FR 50257

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Notice RIN 0648-XC53	635	Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops	9/14/2007 72 FR 52552
Proposed Rule RIN 0648-AV93	635	Atlantic Commercial Shark Management Measures –2008 first trimester quotas	10/1/2007 72 FR 55729
Proposed Rule RIN 0648-AV58	635	2008 Atlantic Bluefin tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls	10/2/2007 72 FR 56036
Proposed Rule RIN 0648-AU89	635	Amendment 2 to the Consolidated FMP – extension of comment period	10/3/2007 72 FR 56330
Final Rule RIN 0648-AV10	635	Atlantic Swordfish Quotas	10/5/2007 72 FR 56929
Temporary Rule RIN 0648-XD44	635	Atlantic Bluefin Tunas Fisheries – inseason retention limit adjustment	10/31/2007 72 FR 61565
Notice		Proposed Information Collection; Comment request; Implantation and Recovery of Archival Tags	10/31/2007 72 FR 61624
Notice		Proposed information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Certificate of Eligibility	10/31/2007 72 FR 61623
Notice RIN 0648-XD46	635	Advisory Panel - nominations solicitation	11/1/2007 72 FR 61866
Notice RIN 0648-XD57	635	Pelagic Longline Research in closed areas – request for comments	11/5/2007 72 FR 62441
Notice RIN 0648-XD51		Small Coastal Shark Stock Assessment - notice of availability	11/13/2007 72 FR 63888
Final Rule RIN 0648-AV93	635	Atlantic Commercial shark Management Measures	11/29/2007 72 FR 67580
Final Rule RIN 0648-AV58	635	2008 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls	12/31/2007 72 FR 74193