



**THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
ANNOUNCES AN ADDITIONAL PROTECTED SPECIES RELEASE,
DISENTANGLEMENT, AND IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

Effective January 2007, shark limited access and swordfish limited access permit holders must submit a copy of their Safe Handling, Release, and Identification workshop certificate in order to renew either a shark limited access or a swordfish limited access permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). To obtain a certificate, permit holders must attend a free workshop. At the request of fishermen, one additional workshop in Madeira Beach, FL, has been added to the original list of December 2006 workshops previously announced. Persons with expiring permits must attend a workshop before their permits can be renewed. Vessel owners and operators whose permits expire in the winter or spring of 2007 may attend the 2006 or future 2007 workshops.

WHO MUST ATTEND

- All new applicants for shark limited access or a swordfish limited access permits
- Pelagic longline, bottom longline, and gillnet vessel **owners**
- Pelagic longline, bottom longline, and gillnet vessel **operators**

Following permit renewal in 2007, vessel operators will be required to possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and operator at all times.

In 2005, some industry members took the initiative to hold voluntary industry-sponsored workshops on sea turtle safe handling and release; one was held on April 8, 2005, in Orlando, Florida, and a second one was held on June 27, 2005, in New Orleans, Louisiana. These workshop attendees will not be required to attend another workshop in 2007. If you attended one of these workshops, you will be issued a valid Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate no later than December 31, 2006.

SCHEDULE

Following is a list of workshops to be held in December 2006. **All workshops will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Additional workshops will be scheduled in each region throughout 2007.

Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
DECEMBER 2006					
12/6/2006	Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus	9200 113th St. North	Seminole	FL	33772
12/8/2006	Aquatic Release Conservation	1870 Mason Ave	Daytona Beach	FL	32117
12/14/2006	New Orleans Airport Garden City of Madeira Beach	4535 Williams Blvd.	Kenner	LA	70065
12/27/2006	Town Hall	300 Municipal Drive	Madeira Beach	FL	33708



WHAT TO BRING

To ensure the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, you will need to bring the following materials with you to the workshop:

Individual Vessel Owner:

- Proof of identification
- A copy of the appropriate permit(s), and
- A copy of the vessel registration or documentation.

Representative of a Business or Co-Owned Vessel:

- Proof that the individual is an agent of the business
- A copy of the applicable permit(s), and
- Proof of identification

Vessel Operator:

- Proof of identification

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To sign up for a scheduled workshop, please contact Aquatic Release Conservation (877) 411-4272, 1870 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32117.

For further information regarding workshop requirements, please contact Greg Fairclough, (727) 824-5399, or visit the following webpage: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops>.

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Date

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