



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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**THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
ANNOUNCES ATLANTIC SHARK IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS BEING HELD  
IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 2007**

Effective January 1, 2008, an Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business location listed under the shark dealer permit. Additionally, effective January 1, 2008, Atlantic shark dealers may not renew a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate has been submitted with the permit renewal application (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). As such, **Atlantic shark dealers must attend one of the free workshops being held in 2007 in order to renew their permits in 2008.** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops being held in January, February, and March 2007 are listed below.

**Who Must Attend**

- All new applicants for Atlantic shark dealer permits planning to purchase sharks in 2008
- All federally-permitted Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy from each business location  
*Proxies:* Shark dealers may send someone else (*i.e.* a proxy) to a shark identification workshop instead of attending themselves. If a dealer decides to send a proxy, then a proxy from each place of business authorized to receive sharks under the dealer's permit must attend the workshop. A proxy must be:
  - A person who is currently employed by a place of business authorized to receive sharks under the dealer's permit;
  - A primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and,
  - Involved in filling out dealer reports.

**Purpose of Workshops**

- To train Federal Atlantic shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify shark carcasses
- To reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form
- To increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer reported information
- To generate a better understanding of the regulatory requirements for Atlantic shark dealers
- To improve quota monitoring and data used for shark stock assessments

**Schedule**

The following table lists the workshops to take place in January, February, and March 2007. Workshops will begin promptly at **9:00 am** and will conclude at approximately **3:00 pm** that afternoon.

**Additional workshops will be scheduled in each region throughout 2007.**



Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
<b>JANUARY 2007</b>					
1/26/2007	Madeira Beach Town Hall	300 Municipal Drive	Madeira Beach	FL	33708
<b>FEBRUARY 2007</b>					
2/22/2007	Nova Southeastern University- Oceanographic Center	8000 North Ocean Drive	Dania Beach	FL	33004
<b>MARCH 2007</b>					
3/16/2007	Ocean County Library (Stafford Branch)	129 North Main Street	Manahawkin	NJ	08050

**WHAT TO BRING**

To ensure the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, please bring the following items to the workshop.

**Individual Dealer Permit Holder:**

- Proof of identification
- A copy of the applicable permit(s)

**Representative of a Partnership, Corporation, or other entity:**

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

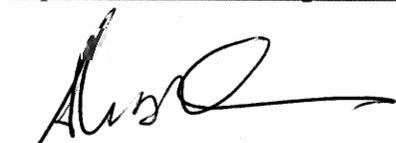
**Dealer Proxies:**

- Documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the Atlantic shark dealer
- A copy of the applicable permit, and
- Proof of identification

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

To sign up for a scheduled workshop, please contact Eric Sander at [esander@peoplepc.com](mailto:esander@peoplepc.com) or by phone at (386) 852-8588.

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

  
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