



NMFS Requests Nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP). NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of the AP when preparing and implementing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks. Nominations for the AP will be accepted to allow representation from Atlantic HMS recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. Member tenure will be for 3 years, with approximately one-third of the members' terms expiring on December 31 of each year.

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the AP. Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. Nomination packages should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in HMS or in one species of sharks, swordfish, tunas, or billfish;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP; and
4. A list of outreach resources that the applicant has at his/her disposal to communicate HMS issues to various interest groups.

NMFS will seek to fill vacancies based principally on maintaining the current representation from each of the sectors listed below, and secondarily by species expertise and/or representation from different regions.

Sector	Species
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	HMS
Commercial	Tuna
Commercial	Tuna
Environmental	Shark
Environmental	HMS
Environmental	HMS
Recreational	Billfish
Recreational	Billfish
Recreational	HMS
Recreational	Tuna

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Chris Rilling at (301) 713-2347.

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Date

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