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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

**NMFS ANNOUNCES HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
March 13-15, 2007**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on March 13-15, 2007, in Silver Spring, MD (72 FR 7860, February 21, 2007). The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of HMS. A scoping meeting will also be held during the AP meeting to consider options for updating HMS essential fish habitat.

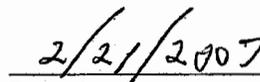
The AP meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2006; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday March 15. The meeting is open to the public.

Please contact Carol Douglas or Chris Rilling, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-713-2347, for any questions regarding meeting logistics or materials.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carol Douglas at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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 related to HMS, please call 301-713-2347 or see the HMS web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.


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