

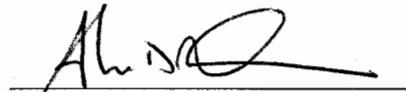


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NMFS Announces an Informal Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Scientific Workshop

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the date and location of an informal Atlantic bluefin tuna scientific workshop. The Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) will hold an Atlantic bluefin tuna stock assessment session in Madrid, Spain in June 2008. In advance of the SCRS session, NMFS will hold an informal BFT scientific workshop to discuss relevant BFT research, preparations for the stock assessments, and the timeline for submission of scientific papers to SCRS by U.S. researchers. The Workshop will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, will conclude at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008, and will be held at the NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue, South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic bluefin tuna interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Victor Restrepo at (305) 361-4000.


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