



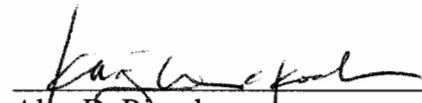
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**ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES**  
**ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2009**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on September 9-11, 2009, in Silver Spring, Maryland. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

The AP meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, and from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11. The primary focus of the meeting will be to discuss Amendments 3 and 4 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for small coastal sharks, and Caribbean fishery management measures, respectively, and potential changes to management of Atlantic bluefin tuna and swordfish as a result of the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that published on June 1, 2009 (74 FR 26174). Other potential items for discussion include annual quota specifications for bluefin tuna, swordfish, and sharks, as well as the 2010 meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Additional details including an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.

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