



## NMFS ANNOUNCES ATLANTIC SHARK IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS BEING HELD IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER 2009

An Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop dealer certificate is on the premises of each business location listed under the shark dealer permit where sharks are first received (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Trucks or other conveyances of a dealer's place of business which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate (73 FR 38153; July 3, 2008). Additionally, 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 who have not already attended a workshop and received a valid NMFS certificate, or whose certificate is expiring prior to the next permit renewal, must attend one of the free workshops in order to receive shark products or renew their permits.** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops being held in October, November, and December 2009 are listed below.

### Who Must Attend

- All new applicants for Atlantic shark dealer permits;
- All federally-permitted Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy from each business location that receives sharks (unless they have already attended a workshop and possess a valid certificate);

*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 which first receives 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 that are scheduled to occur in October, November, and



December 2009. Refer to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops> for a list of future locations.

Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
<b>October 2009</b>					
October 29, 2009 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library (Room 1)	111 W. Ocean View Avenue	Norfolk	VA	23503
<b>November 2009</b>					
November 19, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	NOVA SE Oceanographic Center (Modular Class 1)	8000 N. Ocean Drive	Dania Beach	FL	33004
<b>December 2009</b>					
December 3, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Madeira Beach Municipal Town Hall	300 Municipal Drive	Madeira Beach	FL	33708

### **WHAT TO BRING**

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

#### **Individual Dealer Permit Holder:**

- Proof of identification, and
- 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 and for a specific business location,
- 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. Pre-registration is highly recommended but is not required.

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

  
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