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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Reminder

NOAA Fisheries wants to remind commercial shark fishermen and dealers of a few upcoming deadlines.

All commercial shark fisheries will close on 12/31/12 until further notice.

- As a reminder, each shark species/complex closes on 11:30 p.m. local time on **December 31, 2012**, and will not open again until the effective dates specified in the 2013 shark quotas and seasons final rule.
- NOAA Fisheries published a proposed rule (77 FR 61562; October 10, 2012) that would establish the quotas and seasons for all shark fisheries in 2013.
- NOAA Fisheries expects the final rule will publish shortly.

Other deadlines:

Shark Research Fishery Application: Deadline to apply = 12/13/12

- On November 13, NOAA Fisheries published a request for applications for the 2013 shark research fishery (77 FR 67631).
- Selected vessels will be authorized to retain sandbar sharks and are required to carry an observer on all research trips.
- Applications can be found at:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/EFPs/2012_shark_research_fishery_application.pdf.
Send complete applications to Delisse Ortiz at Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or by fax at 301-713-1917.

SEDAR Pool for Shark Stock Assessments: Deadline for nominations = 12/20/12

- NMFS is soliciting nominations for the AP for the HMS SEDAR workshops (77 FR 69596; November 20, 2012).
- The SEDAR Pool is comprised of individuals whom may be selected to consider data and advise NMFS regarding the scientific information used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks.
- Send nominations by e-mail (SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov), mail (Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910), or fax (301-713-1917).

HMS Electronic Dealer Reporting System: Effective date = 1/1/13

- This final rule will require that Federal Atlantic swordfish, shark, and tuna dealers report receipt of Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and bigeye, albacore, skipjack, and yellowfin (BAYS) tunas through an electronic reporting system on a weekly basis (77 FR 47303; August 8, 2012).

- These measures are necessary to ensure timely and accurate reporting, which is critical for quota monitoring and management of these species.
- More information can be found at:
<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/edealer/index.html>.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on these deadlines, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Guý DuBeck, or Delisse Ortiz at 301-427-8503. The information is also posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

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