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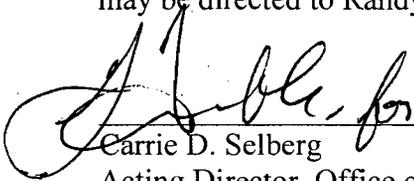
NMFS Will Host a Public Conference Call to Discuss Data Collection for the Recreational Atlantic Yellowfin Tuna Fishery

At its 2011 meeting, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) actively considered country-specific yellowfin tuna allocations as well as the potential landings histories that could be the basis for those allocations. While the final recommendation did not establish any country-specific allocations, some members of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel and the public have expressed an interest in discussing historical and future data collection in the U.S. recreational yellowfin tuna fishery, in case this issue comes up at the 2012 ICCAT meeting.

NMFS will host a public conference call to facilitate domestic discussion of this topic. The purpose of this call is to discuss historical and future data collection in the U.S. recreational yellowfin tuna fishery and the relationship to international yellowfin tuna management (*e.g.*, quota determination or tracking landings). During the call, the background of recreational yellowfin tuna data collection as well as recent international management developments will be briefly reviewed and the potential for future data collection will be discussed. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in the discussion.

The call will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 27, 2012. To participate in the call, dial (888) 593-8429 and enter the passcode 1629891.

This notice is a courtesy to HMS constituents to keep you informed about your fishery. Questions may be directed to Randy Blankinship at (727) 824-5313 or Dianne Stephan at (978) 281-9397.



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