



NMFS Announces An Additional Scoping Meeting for Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan

This notice:

- Provides information about the dates and times of NMFS consultations with Fishery Management Councils about Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.
- Announces an additional public scoping meeting to be held in Portland, Maine.

Date	Time	Meeting Location	Address
June 13, 2012	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting New York, NY (Council consultation)	Hilton New York 1335 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019 212-586-700
June 15, 2012	2:30 - 3:00 pm	South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting Orlando, FL (Council consultation)	Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel 5445 Forbes Place Orlando, FL 32812 800-545-1985
June 18, 2012	6:30 - 9:00 pm	In Association with the New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Portland, ME (Public scoping)	Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101 800-345-5050
June 19, 2012	4:15 - 5:00 pm	New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Portland, ME (Council consultation)	Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101 800-345-5050

We are conducting scoping on Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, to examine whether the existing management measures for Atlantic bluefin tuna are the best means of achieving current management objectives and providing additional flexibility to adapt in the future. We published a Notice of Intent on April 23, 2012 (77 FR 24161), which notified the public of our intent to hold public scoping meetings and prepare a draft environmental impact statement, and requested comments.

- **Availability of a scoping document:** To view the scoping documents please go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breakingnews.htm or call (978) 281-9260 to obtain a copy of the scoping document.
- **Submit comments:** You may submit comments on the scoping document, and suggestions regarding management of the bluefin tuna fishery (identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2012-0082") through July 15, 2012, by using any one of the following methods:

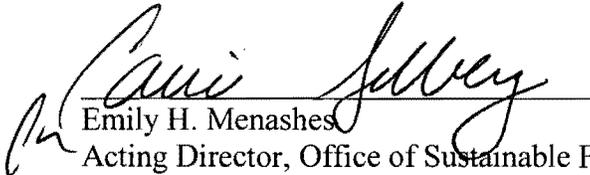


- Submit electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal
<http://www.regulations.gov>
- Fax: 978-281-9340
- Mail: Tom Warren, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS 55
Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

To be considered, electronic comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit electronic comments to individual NMFS staff.

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