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NMFS Announces Training Workshops for Electronic Dealer Reporting System

This notice announces the National Marine Fisheries Services' (NMFS) intent to conduct public workshops on the new HMS electronic dealer reporting system being implemented in 2013. The purpose of the workshop is to train HMS dealers how to use the new system and help ease the transition from the current paper format to the new HMS electronic reporting system.

On June 28, 2011 (76 FR 37750), we published a proposed rule in the Federal Register that considered requiring, among other things, Federal Atlantic swordfish, shark, and tunas dealers (except for dealers reporting Atlantic bluefin tuna) to report commercially-harvested Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and BAYS tunas through one centralized electronic reporting system. Under this new system, dealers would submit HMS data electronically instead of in a paper format and include additional information that is necessary for management of HMS (*e.g.*, vessel and logbook information).

In order to give sufficient time for dealers to adjust to implementation of the new system and the additional requirements, we proposed delaying implementation of the new HMS electronic reporting system for all federally-permitted HMS dealers until 2013. Additionally, we are conducting training workshops and outreach to dealers to teach them how to use the new HMS electronic reporting system. We conducted an initial training workshop for HMS dealers in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands (U.S.V.I.) on December 14, 2011, and in this notice we are announcing additional training workshops in the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic, and Caribbean regions (see Table 1 below). However, we are not holding a training workshop in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. at this time; we are working on scheduling an additional training session in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. in the future.

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on this notice, contact Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-427-8503 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.



Table 1. Date, Time, and location of Training Workshops

Date	Time	Meeting Locations	Address
July 17, 2012	4:30 – 7:30 pm	Centro de Recursos para la Información y Educación Marina	Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto de Mayagüez Edificio de Física Salón 310 Mayagüez, PR 00681
July 19, 2012	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Center for Marine and Environmental Studies	University of the Virgin Islands RR#1 Box 10,000 Evans Center, Theater/ Room EVC 401 Kingshill, VI 00850-9781
August 7, 2012	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Belle Chasse Auditorium	8398 HWY. 23 Belle Chasse, LA 70037
August 8, 2012	5:00 – 8:00pm	Grand Caillou Recreation Center	106 Badou Drive Dulac, LA 70353
August 15, 2012	1:30 – 4:30 pm	Bay County Government Center	840 W. 11 th Street Room # 1030 Panama City, FL 32401
August 21, 2012	3:30 – 6:30 pm	Port Orange Regional Library	1005 City Center Circle Port Orange, FL 32129
August 22, 2012	4:30 – 7:30pm	Seminole Community Library	9200 113 th Street N Seminole, FL 33772
August 23, 2012	4:30 – 7:30pm	Tyrone Bryant Branch Library	2230 NW 21 st Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
September 5, 2012	6:30 – 9:30 pm	Marathon Government Center	2798 Overseas Highway Milemarker 48.5 EOC BOCC Meeting Room, 2 nd Floor Marathon, FL 33050

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