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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
September 19-21, 2012

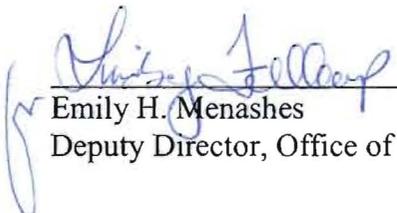
The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on September 19-21, 2012, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD, 20814. The HMS AP meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19 (note later start time); from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 20; and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, September 21.

The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of all Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and shark fisheries. We anticipate discussing overall bluefin tuna management (Amendment 7), shark management measures such as rebuilding scalloped hammerhead, dusky, and blacknose sharks (Amendment 5) and catch shares, swordfish management measures (Amendment 8), and items contained in the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that published on June 1, 2009 (74 FR 26174).

The meeting will also include updates on implementation of 2011 ICCAT recommendations, electronic dealer reporting, smoothhound shark management, and recreational monitoring methods for Atlantic HMS fisheries. Additional information on the meeting and a copy of the draft agenda (also attached) may be found at:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Advisory%20Panels/Advisory_Panel.htm.

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