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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Please Hold the Date! Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel Meeting

September 9 – 12, 2013

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on September 9-12, 2013, at the Sheraton Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The HMS AP meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10; from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11; and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of all Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and shark fisheries. At the September 2013 AP meeting, NMFS plans to discuss bluefin tuna management issues in draft Amendment 7 to the 2006 HMS FMP; shark management measures regarding rebuilding scalloped hammerhead and blacknose sharks (Amendment 5a), rebuilding dusky sharks (Amendment 5b), and shark catch shares (Amendment 6); and swordfish management measures (Amendment 8).

The meeting will also include updates on implementation of the 2012 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 will be posted prior to the meeting at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Advisory%20Panels/Advisory_Panel.htm.

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