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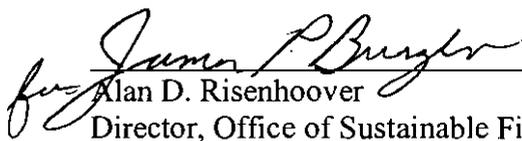
NMFS RESCHEDULES THE GLOUCESTER SCOPING MEETING FOR AMENDMENT 3 TO THE 2006 CONSOLIDATED HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has changed the time and location of the scoping meeting for Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) that was scheduled to be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2008, in Gloucester, MA. **The new time and location will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 9, 2008, at the Peabody Institute Library, 82 Main Street, Peabody, MA, 01960.**

Based on the 2007 stock assessment for small coastal sharks (SCS), NMFS believes the implementation of new management measures via an amendment to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP is necessary to rebuild blacknose sharks while providing for sustainable shark fisheries. On May 7, 2008 (73 FR 25665), NMFS published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to amend the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, including an Environmental Impact Statement, which included summary information on the recent SCS stock assessment, announced NMFS' determination of blacknose sharks, and requested comments from the public on possible options for management of shark fisheries.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS Fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Jess Beck at (301) 713-2347 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936.

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