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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
May 11-13, 2010

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on May 11-13, 2010, in Silver Spring, Maryland. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

The AP meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12; and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 13. NMFS plans to discuss the management measures in Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP for small coastal, shortfin mako, and smoothhound sharks, and conduct working group sessions regarding Atlantic bluefin tuna, sharks, and swordfish buoy gear fishery management. Other potential items for discussion include billfish and vessel monitoring system issues. An introductory session for new AP members will be held at 10:30 a.m. on May 11, 2010. Additional details including an agenda will be made available prior to the meeting.

This email notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fisheries interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information related to HMS, please call 301-713-2347 or see the HMS web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

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