



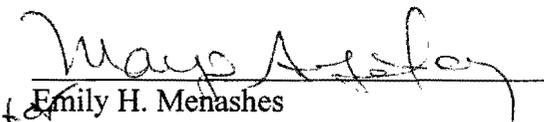
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PLEASE HOLD THE DATE!
ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
September 20-22, 2011

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on September 20-22, 2011, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Information on the venue and agenda will be provided at a later date. The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

At the September 2011 HMS AP meeting, NMFS plans to discuss Atlantic bluefin tuna management, revitalizing the swordfish fishery, the Future of the Shark Fishery, other shark fishery management issues, and items contained in the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that published June 1, 2009 (74 FR 26174). The meeting may also continue discussions on the implementation of 2010 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas measures, an update on the recreational action plan for Atlantic HMS, permitting and management options for swordfish and smoothhound sharks in trawl fisheries, electronic dealer reporting, vessel monitoring systems, and monitoring methods for Atlantic HMS fisheries. NMFS also plans to hold a shark catch share workshop for interested fishermen after the HMS AP 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 Atlantic HMS Management, please call (301) 427-8503 or see the HMS web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.


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