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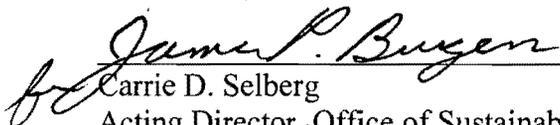
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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
ADVISORY PANEL MEETING
March 13-15, 2012

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to hold a meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) on March 13-15, 2012, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Additional 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 March 2012 AP meeting, NMFS plans to discuss overall bluefin tuna management; revitalizing the swordfish fishery; shark management measures such as rebuilding scalloped hammerhead, dusky, and blacknose sharks and catch shares; and items contained in the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that published on June 1, 2009 (74 FR 26174), which considered a variety of potential management options/measures for HMS fisheries. The meeting will also include updates on the 2011 ICCAT meeting and any implementation requirements; electronic dealer reporting; smoothhound shark management; and recreational monitoring methods for Atlantic HMS fisheries.

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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