

# HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

May 11-13, 2010

## DRAFT AGENDA

*Crowne Plaza Hotel*

*8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD*

*(301) 589-0800*

### **Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

- 10:30 am *HMS Advisory Panel 101 for new members (optional)*
- 1:00 pm Welcome, Introductions, & Agenda adoption
- 1:30 pm Overview of recent activities and upcoming actions/issues, including
- Sea turtle status proposed rule
  - Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Update
  - International Update
  - Communications
- 2:30 pm Overview of Final Amendment 3
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Introduction to new NMFS Assistant Administrator, Eric C. Schwaab
- 4:15 pm Working Group Introduction: Bluefin tuna & Sharks
- 4:30 pm BLUEFIN WORKING GROUP convenes (CONCURRENT)
- Government Detailed Presentation
    - Recent fishery trends – catches, bycatch, relevant research
    - 2010 Bluefin tuna fishery
    - 2011 and Beyond
    - Linkages between Bluefin tuna & Swordfish revitalization
  - Discussion
- 4:30 pm SHARK WORKING GROUP convenes (CONCURRENT)
- Government Detailed Presentation
    - Recent regulations – Amendment 3, ASMFC Shark FMP
    - Stock assessments - SEDAR process and other assessments
    - Future of fishery - catch shares, landings and closures, domestic implications of ICCAT recommendations
    - Outreach and other issues - smoothhounds, shortfin mako
  - Discussion
- 6 pm Adjourn

### **Wednesday, May 12, 2010**

- 8:30 am Welcome & Agenda Review
- 8:45 am BLUEFIN WORKING GROUP reconvenes (CONCURRENT)
- 8:45 am SHARK WORKING GROUP reconvenes (CONCURRENT)
- 11:30 am Working Groups begin wrap-up and development of report out
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Working Group Report Outs and AP group discussion
- Bluefin Tuna Working Group
  - Shark Working Group
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Swordfish Issues
- Swordfish revitalization – accomplishments and challenges
  - Buoy gear/user group conflict
  - General Commercial Handgear permit
- 5:15 pm Public comment
- 5:30 pm Adjourn

### **THURSDAY, May 13, 2010**

- 8:30 am Billfish Issues
- Roundscale spearfish
  - Domestic implication of potential ICCAT recommendations on Sailfish
  - Pelagic longline bycatch in the Gulf of Mexico
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am Vessel Monitoring System Issues and Options
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm Marine Recreational Information Program - Overview of recent reports
- 2:00 pm Public Comment
- 2:15 pm HMS Advisory Panel Wrap-Up
- 3:00 pm Adjourn