



# NOAA FISHERIES

## Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

## NMFS Suspends Hearings on Draft Amendment 7 on Bluefin Tuna Until Further Notice; Reporting Requirements Continue Unchanged

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Due to the shutdown of Federal Government operations, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is suspending the remaining scheduled public hearings for Draft Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) until further notice. **NMFS will send a subsequent notice regarding these hearings when the shutdown ends.** Any relevant announcements will be posted at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/FMP/AM7.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/FMP/AM7.htm).

These public hearings include:

- Fort Pierce, FL, October 1, 6-10 pm;
- St. Petersburg, FL, October 2, 6-10 pm; and
- Toms River, NJ, October 8, 6-10 p.m.

**ALL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL DEALERS AND FISHERMEN. ALL REPORTING SYSTEMS WILL REMAIN OPERATIONAL DURING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

Regardless of the Federal Government shutdown, you may continue to submit comments (identified by "NOAA-NMFS-2013-0101") through December 10, 2013, by using any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0101](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0101), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Thomas Warren, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930
- **Fax:** 978-281-9340, Attn: Thomas Warren

NMFS will post submitted comments on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) when the shutdown ends.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fisheries. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information on this proposed rule and draft environmental impact statement, contact the HMS Management Division at (978) 281-9260. Staff will respond as soon as possible when the shutdown ends. The information is also available at [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/FMP/AM7.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/FMP/AM7.htm).

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