



NOAA FISHERIES

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

NMFS Requests Nominations for the Atlantic HMS SEDAR Pool by December 4, 2013

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is soliciting nominations for the Advisory Panel (AP) for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Workshops. This AP is also called the “SEDAR Pool.” Individuals in the SEDAR Pool may participate in the various data, assessment, and review workshops associated with the SEDAR process. At this time, Atlantic sharks are the only HMS assessed via SEDAR workshops. If selected, members of the SEDAR Pool would consider the scientific information, including data and models, used in stock assessments and advise NMFS about the conservation and management of Atlantic sharks.

Currently, NMFS anticipates holding stock assessments for smoothhound sharks (i.e., *Mustelus canis*, *M. norrisi*, and *M. sinuamexicanus*) in 2014. The specific number and type of meetings or dates for those stock assessments have not yet been determined. NMFS will select members of the SEDAR Pool to participate in these stock assessments.

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the SEDAR Pool. Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups for a 3-year appointment beginning in 2014 and ending in 2016. Nomination packages should include:

1. The name, address, phone, and email of the applicant or nominee;
2. A description of his/her interest or expertise in Atlantic shark stock assessments or the fishery;
3. A statement of background and/or qualifications; and
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall participate actively and in good faith in the tasks of the SEDAR Pool.

Nominations must be received by December 4, 2013. You may submit nominations and request the SEDAR Pool Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods via email (SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov); mail (Karyl Brewster-Geisz Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910); or fax: 301-713-1917. Additional information on SEDAR and the SEDAR guidelines can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. The SEDAR Pool Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures can also be found on <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>. This 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, contact Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at (301) 427-8503.

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