



# Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel Meeting - Spring 2018

Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel,  
8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
March 7 - 9, 2018

Wednesday, March 07, 2018

Time	Discussion Item	Presenter
8:30 – 9:30 am	New Member Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
9:30 – 9:45 am	Welcome/Introductions	Bennett Brooks, Facilitator & HMS Division Staff
9:45 – 10:15 am	Overview of Recent Activities/Rulemaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent and Upcoming Regulatory Actions</li> <li>• 2017 Landings, and Tournament Updates</li> <li>• Exempted Fishing Permit Updates</li> <li>• 2017 ICCAT Outcomes</li> <li>• Regulatory Reform Actions</li> <li>• Litigation Update</li> <li>• Other Business for Meeting Agenda</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
10:15 – 10:45 am	Outcomes from the 2017 ICCAT Annual Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	Dr. John Graves, ICCAT Advisory Committee
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Shortfin Mako Shark Emergency Interim Final Rule and Public Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
12:15 – 12:30 pm	Public Comment on Emergency Interim Final Rule	
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 – 2:15 pm	NOAA Fisheries Leadership Remarks	Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Amendment 11 Scoping Review: Shortfin Mako Sharks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff

3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 – 4:15 pm	Update on Pelagic Longline Closed Area Research EFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
4:15 – 5:45 pm	Discussion on Closed Area Data Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Public Comment	
6:00 pm	Adjourn / No Host Social	

**Thursday, March 08, 2018**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:30 am	Reconvene	Bennett Brooks, Facilitator
8:30 – 9:30 am	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Management Review of 2017 Fishery Trends and 2018 Management Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
9:30 – 10:15 am	Implementation of ICCAT Recommendations for Bluefin Tuna and Northern Albacore <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 – 11:30 am	Shark Stock Assessment Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Office of Protected Resources Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceanic Whitetip Shark Endangered Species Act Listing</li> </ul>	Office of Protected Resources Staff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pelagic Longline Take Reduction Team Updates</li> </ul>	
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:15 pm	Amendment 7 Three-Year Review: Bluefin Tuna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
2:15 – 3:30 pm	Pelagic Longline Bluefin Tuna Weak Hook and Area-Based Management Regulatory Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break	HMS Division Staff
3:45 – 5:15 pm	Recreational Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMS MRIP Implementation/Priorities; LPS Redesign Next Steps</li> <li>• Angler &amp; Tournament Survey Updates</li> <li>• Louisiana Creel Survey Presentation</li> <li>• Use of Circle Hooks in Billfish Tournaments</li> <li>• Request to Allow Filleting of Tunas at Sea on Headboats</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff; Office of Science and Technology Staff; Jason Adriance, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Public Comment	
5:30 pm	Adjourn	

**Friday, March 09, 2018**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Discussion Item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
8:30 am	Reconvene	Bennett Brooks, Facilitator
8:30 – 8:45	Update on Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Chub Mackerel Amendment	Matt Seeley, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
8:45 – 9:15 am	Caribbean Management Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff

9:15 – 10:00 am	<p>Modifications to Shark Fishery Closure Criteria Rulemaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> <li>• HMS Advisory Panel Discussion</li> </ul>	HMS Division Staff
10:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Enforcement Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul>	NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement, United States Coast Guard and HMS Division Staff
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 – 11:30 am	<p>International Updates: SPAW, CITES, WECAFC, MMPA implementation, SIMP implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation, Questions &amp; Answers</li> </ul>	Office of international Affairs and Seafood Inspection Staff
11:30 – 11:45 am	Public Comment	
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Wrap-up / Priorities / Next meeting dates	HMS Division Staff
12:00 pm	Adjourn	