

**SUMMARY:** The APAC will have a closed meeting on September 9, 2002, at the U.S. Department of Commerce to discuss U.S.-made automotive parts sales in Japanese and other Asian markets.

**DATES:** September 9, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Robert Reck, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4036, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-1418.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (the "Committee") advises U.S. Government officials on matters relating to the implementation of the Fair Trade in Automotive Parts Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-261). The Committee: (1) Reports to the Secretary of Commerce on barriers to sales of U.S.-made automotive parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (2) reviews and considers data collected on sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (3) advises the Secretary of Commerce during consultations with other Governments on issues concerning sales of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets; and (4) assists in establishing priorities for the initiative to increase sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories to Japanese markets, and otherwise provide assistance and direction to the Secretary of Commerce in carrying out the intent of that section; and (5) assists the Secretary of Commerce in reporting to Congress by submitting an annual written report to the Secretary on the sale of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets, as well as any other issues with respect to which the Committee provides advice pursuant to its authorizing legislation. At the meeting, committee members will discuss specific trade and sales expansion programs related to automotive parts trade policy between the United States and Japan and other Asian markets.

The Acting Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on August 14, 2002, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the September 9th meeting of the Committee and of any subcommittee thereof, dealing with privileged or confidential commercial information may be exempt from the provisions of the Act relating to open meeting and public participation therein because these items are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(4) and (9)(B). A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for

public inspection and copying in the Department of Commerce Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Main Commerce.

Dated: August 16, 2002.

**Henry Misisco,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panels

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) advisory panel (AP) and the Billfish AP, and announces a joint meeting tentatively for November 2002, in Silver Spring, MD. The purpose of the AP's will be to assist NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to modification or amendment of the fisheries management plan for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks (HMS FMP) and to modification of the Billfish FMP Amendment. The AP will include representatives from all interests in HMS fisheries and billfish fisheries, respectively.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted on or before October 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations and comments on Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures revision recommendations should be submitted in writing to Chris Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Nominations may be submitted by fax; 301-713-1917.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Othel Freeman or Carol Douglas (301) 713-2347.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, Advisory Panels (AP) have been established to consult with NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the HMS FMP

(April 1999) and the Billfish FMP Amendment (April 1999). Nominations are being sought to fill one third of the posts of the HMS AP for three year appointments, and one half of the posts of the Billfish AP for two year appointments. The nomination process and appointments are required by the Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPP) for each AP.

The purpose of the HMS AP is to advise and assist the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to any amendment to the HMS FMP (April 1999). The HMS AP evaluates future management options for Atlantic tunas, swordfish and sharks under the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The purpose of the Billfish AP is to advise and assist the Secretary in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to any amendment to the Billfish FMP. The Billfish AP evaluates future management options for Atlantic billfish under the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

#### Procedures and Guidelines

##### A. Procedures for Appointing the Advisory Panels

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental entities and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the AP.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. The nomination should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of their interest in highly migratory species (HMS) or one species in particular from among sharks, swordfish, tunas and billfish;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. The AP to which the applicant seeks appointment;
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP.

Tenure for the HMS AP:

Member tenure will be for 3 years, with one third of the members' terms expiring on the last day of each calendar year. All appointments will be for 3 years (36 months).

Tenure for the Billfish AP:

Member tenure will be for 2 years, with one half of the terms expiring on the last day of each calendar year. All appointments will be for 2 years (24 months).

## B. Participants

The HMS AP consists of not less than twenty-two (22) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for all Atlantic HMS species. The Billfish AP consists of not less than eight (8) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for all billfish species. Nominations for each AP will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community.

NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each area of interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of each AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: (a) Experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching swordfish, tunas, billfish, or sharks; (b) experience in the commercial fishing industry for HMS; (c) experience in fishery-related industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops); (d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; (e) representation of a private, non-governmental, regional, (non-Federal) state, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries, environmental, governmental or academic interests dealing with HMS.

Five (5) additional members of the AP include one voting representative each of the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The AP also includes twenty-two (22) ex-officio participants: twenty (20) representatives of the constituent states and two (2) representatives of the constituent interstate commissions; the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the AP meetings.

## C. Tentative Schedule

Meetings of each AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely held once each year in the Spring. Often the meetings are held jointly, and may be held in conjunction with other advisory panel meetings or public hearings. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 2002, in Silver Spring, MD. This meeting is being held in addition to the routinely held Spring meeting.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 15, 2002.

**Virginia M. Fay,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel and its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee in September, 2002 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on September 4 and 5, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the New England Fishery Management Council Office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 9 a.m.—Joint Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.*

The committee will review federal vessel permit issues associated with the Atlantic herring fishery and requiring fishermen to have a valid VMS number prior to issuance of the permit. This would be consistent with previous federal fisheries that require VMS. They will also discuss prohibiting fishermen with federal vessel permits from selling fish to unlicensed dealers. Current regulations prohibit dealers without permit from buying fish from federally permitted vessels.

Also included in the agenda will be review of the enforceability of the following: alternatives for Multispecies Amendment 13; draft enforcement analysis for scallops; general category landings restriction, particularly those in the state-waters only exemption for scallops; review of species ID guide for skates and its utility for enforcement as well as proposed prohibitions on possession, landing, sale and recommendations for tolerances on prohibitions and/or possession limits to account for mis-identification of skates. The committee will also discuss whether to increase advisory panel membership.

*Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.—Vessel Monitoring System Committee Meeting.*

Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

The committee will discuss the concept of using automated vessel monitoring systems in New England fisheries. The agenda will include discussion of current VMS performance, alternative tracking devices now available, future expansion of VMS programs and VMS use for other management measures. The committee also may discuss other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.