

working group shall consist of no more than seven members of the Advisory Committee and no more than four scientific or technical personnel, as considered necessary by the Commissioners. Currently, there are four species working groups advising the Committee and the U.S. Commissioners. Specifically, there is a Bluefin Tuna Working Group, a Swordfish Working Group, a Billfish Working Group, and a BAYS (Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin, and Skipjack) Tunas Working Group. Technical Advisors to the species working groups serve at the pleasure of the U.S. Commissioners; therefore, the Commissioners can choose to alter appointments at any time.

Nominations to the Advisory Committee or to a species working group should include a letter of interest and a resume or curriculum vitae. Letters of recommendation are useful but not required. Self-nominations are acceptable. When making a nomination, please clearly specify which appointment (Advisory Committee member or technical advisor to a species working group) is being sought. Requesting consideration for placement on both the Advisory Committee and a species working group is acceptable. Those interested in a species working group technical advisor appointment should indicate which of the four working groups is preferred. Placement on the requested species working group, however, is not guaranteed.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ICCAT Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), in conjunction with the International Fisheries Division of NMFS, announces the schedule of

regional public meetings to be held this fall.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled for September 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in New Jersey, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Florida. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific addresses of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erika Carlsen at 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regional public meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, September 3, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Atlantic Cape Community College, 5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ;

Wednesday, September 4, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, Boston, MA;

Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC;

Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel, 495 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL.

The following topics may be presented to the public for discussion at the regional meetings:

- (1) Background on ICCAT
- (2) Information on the Advisory Committee and Commissioners
- (3) Status of Highly Migratory Species Managed by ICCAT
- (4) Topics for the 2002 ICCAT Annual Meeting

Representatives from the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT and NMFS will be in attendance at the regional meetings. There will be an opportunity for public comment on each of these international issues. The length of the meetings may be adjusted based on the progress of the discussions.

Additionally, the annual fall meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on October 14 - 16, 2002, at the Hilton Hotel Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD. There will be opportunity for public comment on international issues on Monday, October 14. The time for public comment period will be announced in a future notice. Domestic issues will not be discussed. An agenda for the annual fall Advisory Committee meeting will be available at a later date.

Please be reminded that NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately for the duration of the meeting. At the beginning of the public comment

session, an explanation of the ground rules will be provided (e.g., alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, speakers will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each speaker will have an equal amount of time to speak, and speakers should not interrupt one another). The session will be structured so that all attending members of the public are able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the degree of controversy of the subject(s). Those not respecting the ground rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Erika Carlsen at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Technical Committee will meet in Seattle, Washington.

DATES: The Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28-29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 4, Room 2079, Seattle, Washington 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will meet from 9-5 p.m. The agenda consists of: A review of June 2002 Council motion, NMFS