

4. Additional relevant experience (0 percent)
5. Financial need of student (0 percent)

*Selection Factors for Fellowship/Scholarships/Internships*

1. Balance/Distribution of funds:
  - a. Academic disciplines
  - b. Types of institutions
  - c. Geography
2. Availability of funds
3. Program-specific objectives—These are found in the Full Funding Opportunity Announcement in sections I.A and B.

4. Degree in scientific area and type of degree sought  
Further details on evaluation and selection criteria and procedures applicable to this notice can be found in the full funding opportunity announcement available through <http://www.grants.gov> and on the NERRS Web site <http://www.nerrs.noaa.gov/fellowship>.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216–6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm).

Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems).

In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying

and implementing feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for the denial of an application.

**Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) are applicable to this solicitation.

**Limitation of Liability**

In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this initiative fails to receive funding or is cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all Federal laws, agency policies, regulations and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

This notification involves collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF–LLL and CD–346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control numbers 0348–0043, 0348–0044, 0348–0040, 0348–0046 and 0605–0001 respectively. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Executive Order 12866**

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

**Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)**

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

**Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are

not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

**David M. Kennedy,**

*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 112206A]

**Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops to be held in January, February, and March of 2007. Additional workshops will be held throughout 2007 and will be scheduled at a later date.

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. As of December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit. Additionally, after December 31, 2007, Atlantic shark dealers may not renew a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held throughout 2007, at no charge to the participant.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Vessel

owners and operators whose permits expire in January, February, or March 2007 must attend one of these free workshops in order to renew their permit.

**DATES:** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held on January 26, February 22, and March 16, 2007.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held on January 8, 12, and 24, February 1, 22, and 27, and on March 7, 15, and 21, 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

**ADDRESSES:** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Madeira Beach, FL; Dania Beach, FL; and Manahawkin, NJ.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Coconut Grove, FL; Charleston, SC; Providence, RI; Ft. Pierce, FL; Houston, TX; Panama City, FL; Dedham, MA; St. Petersburg, FL; and Ronkonkoma, NY. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding workshop requirements, contact Greg Fairclough by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 2, 2006, NMFS published a final rule (71 FR 58057) that, among other things, requires certain dealers and fishermen to attend mandatory workshops prior to renewing their permits.

#### **Shark Identification Workshops for Dealers**

Effective December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit. Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop will be issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. Dealers may send a proxy to a Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, however, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who: is currently employed by a place of business listed on the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and fills out dealer reports. Additionally, after December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not renew

a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate has been submitted with the permit renewal application.

#### **Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops**

Effective January 1, 2007, shark limited access and swordfish limited access permit holders must submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit. As such, vessel owners whose permits expire in early 2007 must attend one of the free workshops offered in January, February, or March 2007. New shark and swordfish limited access permit applicants must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and must submit a copy of their workshop certificate before such permits will be issued.

In addition to owners, all longline and gillnet vessel operators fishing with a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit are required to attend the Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops. Vessels that have been issued a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates. Vessel operators must possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and the operator at all times.

#### **Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations**

Additional workshops will be scheduled throughout the year. Fishermen should try to go to workshops that are close to the expiration date of their permit.

##### *Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops*

1. January 26, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Madeira Beach Town Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

2. February 22, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center, 8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach, FL 33004. The Park entrance fee will be waived for participants attending the workshop at the university.

3. March 16, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ocean County Library (Stafford Branch), 129 North Main Street, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

##### *Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops*

1. January 8, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hampton Inn Coconut Grove, 2800 SW 28th Terrace, Coconut Grove, FL 33133.

2. January 12, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town & Country Inn & Conference Center, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407.

3. January 24, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hotel Providence, 311 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903.

4. February 1, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hampton Inn & Suites, 1985 Reynolds Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34945.

5. February 22, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hampton Inn, 8620 Airport Blvd., Houston, TX 77061.

6. February 27, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 1101 U.S. Highway 231, Panama City, FL 32405.

7. March 7, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Holiday Inn, Dedham, 55 Ariadne Road, Dedham, MA 02026.

8. March 15, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hilton, St. Petersburg Bayfront, 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

9. March 21, 2007 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Islip MacArthur Airport, 3485 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

#### **Registration**

The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander by email at [esander@peoplepc.com](mailto:esander@peoplepc.com) or by phone at (386) 852-8588.

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Aquatic Release Conservation ((877) 411-4272), 1870 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32117.

#### **Grandfathered Permit Holders**

Participants in the industry-sponsored workshops on safe handling and release of sea turtles that were held in Orlando, FL (April 8, 2005) and in New Orleans, LA (June 27, 2005) will be issued a workshop certificate in December 2006 that will be valid for three years. Grandfathered permit holders must include a copy of this certificate when renewing limited access shark and limited access swordfish permits each year. Failure to provide a valid workshop certificate may result in a permit denial.

## Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following items with them to the workshop:

### *Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop*

Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.

Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the Atlantic shark dealer, a copy of the appropriate permit, and proof of identification.

### *Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop*

Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.

Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit(s), and proof of identification.

Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

## Workshop Objectives

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. Identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops in an effort to improve reporting. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal for these

workshops is to provide participants the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

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

Dated: December 12, 2006.

**Alan D. Risenhoover**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Meeting: Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee for Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3 (CPDC-S&A 3.3) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated October 17, 2006. CPDC-S&A 3.3 is the Federal Advisory Committee charged with responsibility to develop a draft Synthesis and Assessment Product that addresses CCSP Topic 3.3: "Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate".

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the Chicago O'Hare Airport Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, 60666.

**TIME AND DATE:** The meeting will convene at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. the same day. Meeting information will be available online on the CPDC-S&A 3.3 Web site (<http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=./ccsp/33.jsp>). Please note that meeting location, times, and agenda topics described below are subject to change.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation and will include a 30-minute public comment period on January 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. (check Web site to confirm this time and the room in which the meeting will be held). The CPDC-S&A 3.3 expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation

will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received by the CPDC-S&A 3.3 Designated Federal Official (DFO) by January 2, 2007 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after January 2 will be distributed to the CPDC-S&A 3.3, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will (1) work on written material for inclusion in an initial draft document; (2) finalize plans for completion and submission of the First Draft of Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3 to the National Research Council for expert review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Christopher D. Miller, CPDC-S&A 3.3 DFO and the Program Manager, NOAA/OAR/Climate Program Office, Climate Change Data and Detection Program Element, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12239, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 301-734-1241, e-mail: [Christopher.D.Miller@noaa.gov](mailto:Christopher.D.Miller@noaa.gov).

Dated: December 12, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee for Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3 (CPDC-S&A 5.3) was established by Charter on October 12, 2006. CPDC-S&A 5.3 is the Federal Advisory Committee charged with responsibility to develop a draft Synthesis and Assessment Product that addresses CCSP Topic 5.3: "Decision-Support Experiments and Evaluations Using Seasonal to Interannual Forecasts and Observational Data".