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**THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
ANNOUNCES ATLANTIC SHARK IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS BEING HELD IN  
JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2008**

Effective January 1, 2008, 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 location listed under the shark dealer permit. Additionally, effective January 1, 2008, 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 (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). As such, **Atlantic shark dealers who have not attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate must attend one of the free workshops being held in 2008 in order to receive shark product or renew their permits in 2008.** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops being held in July, August, and September 2008 are listed below.

**Who Must Attend**

- All new applicants for Atlantic shark dealer permits planning to purchase sharks in 2008
- All federally-permitted Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy from each business location
  - Proxies:* Shark dealers may send someone else (*i.e.* a proxy) to a shark identification workshop instead of attending themselves. If a dealer decides to send a proxy, then a proxy from each place of business authorized to receive sharks under the dealer's permit must attend the workshop. A proxy must be:
    - A person who is currently employed by a place of business authorized to receive sharks under the dealer's permit;
    - A primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and,
    - Involved in filling out dealer reports.

**Purpose of Workshops**

- To train Federal Atlantic shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify shark carcasses
- To reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form
- To increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer reported information
- To generate a better understanding of the regulatory requirements for Atlantic shark dealers
- To improve quota monitoring and data used for shark stock assessments

**Schedule**

The following table lists the workshops to take place in July, August, and September 2008. Additional workshops will be scheduled throughout 2008.



Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
<b>July 2008</b>					
07/31/2008 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research	219 Fort Johnson Road	Charleston	SC	29412
<b>August 2008</b>					
08/28/2008 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	George Memorial Library	1001 Golfview Drive	Richmond	TX	77649
<b>September 2008</b>					
09/16/2008 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Piggotte Community Center	504 Big Tree Road	South Daytona	FL	32119
09/30/2008 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Piggotte Community Center	504 Big Tree Road	South Daytona	FL	32119

### **WHAT TO BRING**

To ensure the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, please bring the following items to the workshop.

#### **Individual Dealer Permit Holder:**

- Proof of identification and
- A copy of the applicable permit(s)

#### **Representative of a Partnership, Corporation, or other entity:**

- Proof that the individual is an agent (partial owner) of the business,
- A copy of the applicable permit(s), and
- Proof of identification.

#### **Dealer Proxies:**

- Documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the Atlantic shark dealer,
- A copy of the applicable permit, and
- Proof of identification.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

To sign up for a scheduled workshop, please contact Eric Sander at [esander@peoplepc.com](mailto:esander@peoplepc.com) or by phone at (386) 852-8588. Pre-registration is highly recommended but is not required.

For further information regarding workshop requirements please visit the following webpage: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops> or contact Greg Fairclough, (727) 824-5399.

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