

II. Method of Collection

Paper survey with a pre-addressed, pre-paid postage to be submitted to the NEFOP at the NEFSC. The survey will also be available on the Internet.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0536.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 520.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 260.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 6, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XL59

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a 2-day Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in February 2009. The intent of the meeting is to consider options for the conservation and management of Atlantic HMS. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The AP meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD. At this time the address is unknown, but will be provided on the internet at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ when available. The address will not be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Othel Freeman or Chris Rilling at 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, provided for the establishment of an AP to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for HMS. NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing FMPs or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks. The AP has previously consulted with NMFS on: Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999), the HMS FMP (April 1999), Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2003), the Consolidated HMS FMP (October 2006), and Amendments 1 and 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (April and October 2008). The February 2009 AP meeting will focus on conservation and management options for Atlantic tunas and sharks. NMFS is considering an amendment to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP for small coastal sharks to rebuild blacknose sharks which are overfished with overfishing occurring, and will consider management options for Atlantic bluefin tuna based on any potential management recommendations resulting from the 2008 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Othel Freeman at (301) 713-2347, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 5, 2008.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Initiation of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan Review: Notice of Public Scoping Meetings**

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings for initiation of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary management plan review.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended (NMSA), NOAA is holding scoping meetings to:

1. Solicit public comments and identify issues on the continued management of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary; and
2. Help determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), if warranted.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings. All comments on issues related to the continued management of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary will be considered if received on or before February 1, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS CONTACT: Shannon Ricles at (757) 591-7328. All written inquiries and comments may also be mailed to Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606, or by fax at (757) 591-7353.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background Information**

The Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS or Sanctuary) was designated on January 30, 1975, and is located on the Atlantic continental shelf approximately 16 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The Sanctuary encompasses a vertical column of water around the wreck site one nautical mile in diameter from the