



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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## NMFS ANNOUNCES ATLANTIC SHARK IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS BEING HELD IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE 2009

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 where sharks are first received (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Trucks or other conveyances of a dealer's place of business which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate (73 FR 38153; July 3, 2008). Additionally, 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 already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate must attend one of the free workshops being held in 2009 in order to receive shark products or renew their permits in 2009.** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops being held in April, May, and June 2009 are listed below.

### Who Must Attend

- All new applicants for Atlantic shark dealer permits planning to purchase sharks in 2009
- All federally-permitted Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy from each business location that receives sharks (if they have not already attended a workshop and received a certificate)  
*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 which first receives 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 that are scheduled to occur in April, May, and June 2009. Refer to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops> for a list of other locations in 2009.



Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
<b>April 2009</b>					
April 22, 2009 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	South Boston Public Library	646 East Broadway	South Boston	MA	02127
<b>May 2009</b>					
May 7, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Leisure Square TUFF Room	3705 16 <sup>th</sup> Street	Vero Beach	FL	32960
<b>June 2009</b>					
June 4, 2009 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Jefferson Parrish Library Rosedale Branch	4036 Jefferson Highway	Old Jefferson	LA	70121

### **WHAT TO BRING**

To ensure that 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.

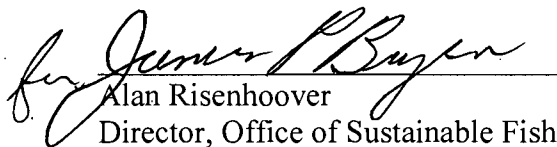
#### **Dealer Proxies:**

- Documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the Atlantic shark dealer and for a specific business location,
- 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 Rick Pearson at (727) 824-5399.

  
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