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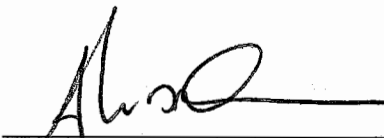
NMFS ANNOUNCES THE SMALL COASTAL SHARK (SCS) STOCK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the date and location of the Assessment Workshop, the second of three stock evaluation workshops (SEW) that will be held for the SCS stock assessment. The Stock Assessment Workshop will start at 1 pm on Monday, May 7, 2007, and will conclude at 1 pm on Friday, May 11, 2007, and will be held at the Bay Point Marriott Resort, 4200 Marriott Drive, Panama City Beach, FL 32408. At this workshop, quantitative population analyses are developed and refined and population parameters are estimated.

Past and prospective participants and observers will be contacted with the Assessment Workshop details. This workshop is open to the public. Persons interested in participating or observing the assessment workshop should contact Julie Neer at (850) 234-6541.

This assessment workshop will be conducted according to the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. This is the same process used for the 2005/2006 large coastal shark stock assessment. More information on the SEDAR process can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. Tentative dates for the final Review Workshop are August 6 - 10, 2007. The time and locations of these workshops will be announced in a future Federal Register notice.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic shark fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347.



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