

ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Name _____
 Port/City _____ State _____ Date(s) _____
 Has this event occurred before? (Y/N) _____ Most recent year _____

OPERATOR/DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone (____) _____ - _____ FAX (____) _____ - _____
 Email Address _____

Check the boxes next to the species for which points or prizes will be awarded:

SWORDFISH

BILLFISH

- Blue Marlin
- White Marlin*
- Roundscale Spearfish*
- White Marlin/
Roundscale Spearfish
(not differentiated)*
- * These species are very similar in appearance. If the tournament will not identify the species separately, select "not differentiated."
- Sailfish
- Longbill Spearfish

SHARKS

- Large Coastal Sharks
 - Ridgeback
 - Non-ridgeback
- Small Coastal Sharks
- Pelagic Sharks

TUNAS

- Bluefin
- Bigeye
- Albacore
- Yellowfin
- Skipjack
- Blackfin**

OTHER FISH SPECIES**

** Registration is optional for these species.

- Please send _____ (#) copies of Atlantic HMS regulation booklets and other outreach materials for tournament participants.
- Please send confirmation of HMS tournament registration via email (for fastest reply).

Operator/Director Signature _____ **Date** _____

A list of registered tournaments, including tournament names, dates, cities, states, and target species, is posted for public viewing at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Tournaments.

Submit form via one of the following:

E-mail: HMSTournamentRegistry@noaa.gov

Mail: HMS Tournament Registry, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

FAX: (727) 824-5398

Under Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 635.5, for all tournaments that are conducted from a port in an Atlantic coastal state, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, a tournament operator must:

- (1) Register at least four (4) weeks prior to commencement of the tournament. The tournament is not registered unless the operator has received a confirmation number from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) HMS Management Division.
- (2) If selected by NMFS, operators must submit the catch and effort data from the tournament on an [HMS tournament summary reporting form](#), no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the tournament.

Thank you for helping NMFS track HMS recreational activities. The information collected through HMS tournament registration and reporting will be used to estimate tournament fishing effort and landings of HMS for stock assessments and national statistical reports. For more information about HMS or for current regulations, call the following phone numbers:

HMS Tournament Registration, Billfish, and Swordfish: (727) 824-5399

Sharks: (301) 427-8503

Tunas: (978) 281-9260

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