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## **NMFS Announces Additional Training Workshops for HMS Electronic Dealer Reporting System**

This notice announces ten additional public training workshops on the new Atlantic HMS electronic dealer reporting system being implemented in January 1, 2013. The purpose of the workshops is to train HMS dealers how to use the new system and help ease the transition from the current paper format to the new HMS electronic reporting system.

On August 8, 2012 (77 FR 47303), we published a final rule in the Federal Register that requires, among other things, Federal Atlantic swordfish, shark, and tunas dealers (except for dealers reporting Atlantic bluefin tuna) to report receipt of Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack tunas through one centralized electronic reporting system. Under this new system, dealers will submit HMS data electronically (instead of in a paper format) and include additional information that is necessary for management of HMS (e.g., vessel and logbook information).

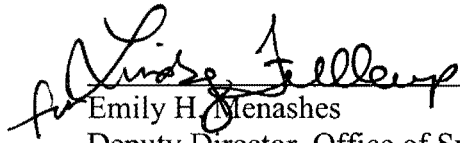
In order to give sufficient time for dealers to adjust to implementation of the new system and the additional requirements, we delayed implementation of the new HMS electronic reporting system for all federally-permitted HMS dealers until January 1, 2013. Additionally, we are conducting training workshops and outreach to dealers to teach them how to use the new HMS electronic reporting system. To date, we have conducted 11 training workshops in the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions in order to introduce the new reporting system to HMS dealers. In this notice, we announce the date and location for one webinar and nine additional training workshops in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions in order to continue introducing HMS dealers to the new electronic system. We may announce additional training workshops at a future date.

This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about the fishery. For further information on this notice, contact Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-427-8503 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.



Table 1. Date, Time, and location of Training Workshops

<b>Tentative Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting Locations</b>	<b>Address</b>
October 17, 2012	6:00 -9:00 pm	US Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light	Sixth and Bayview Avenue, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006
October 18, 2012	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Ocean Pines Library Conference Room	111707 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811
October 23, 2012	3:00 – 6:00pm	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division/Marine Resources Claude Peteet Mariculture Center	21055 Waterway E Blvd Gulf Shores, AL 36542
October 24, 2012	3:00 – 6:00 pm	Coastal Response Center	7385 Highway 188 Codens, AL 36523
November 1, 2012	5:00 – 8:00pm	SC Dept of Natural Resources Marine Resources Research Institute Auditorium	217 Fort Johnson Rd. Charleston, SC 29412
November 8, 2012	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Casco Bay Ferry Terminal (Casco Bay Lines)	56 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04112
November 14, 2012	2:00 – 5:00 pm	NOAA Northeast Regional Office	55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930
November 27, 2012	1:00 – 4:00 pm	Webinar	<a href="https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/941053440">https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/941053440</a>
December 5, 2012	4:00 – 7:00 pm	Dare County Administration Building, Room 168	954 Marshall C. Collins Drive Manteo, NC 27954
December 13, 2012	5:00 – 8:00 pm	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	1502 FM 517 East Dickinson, TX 77539

  
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