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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act, the Secretary of Commerce has appointed 20 members to the WCPFC Permanent Advisory Committee. Four additional members are mandated by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act, who are (1) the chair of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Committee or the chair's designee; and (2) officials of the fisheries management authorities of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (or their designees). The Committee is established to support the work of the U.S. National Section to the WCPFC in an advisory capacity with respect to U.S. participation in the WCPFC. NMFS, Pacific Islands Region, provides administrative and technical support to the Committee.

As this is the first meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee, it will set its agenda and consider its organization, prescribe its practices and procedures, as well as elect a chairperson.

The Permanent Advisory Committee will also receive information on: (1) 2006 and 2007 WCPFC activities; (2) status of the stocks and fisheries in 2006 and 2007; (3) issues related to the development of conservation and management measures for bigeye and yellowfin tuna and other species for 2008 and beyond; (4) implementation of the WCPFC's Regional Observer Programme and Vessel Monitoring System and other compliance mechanisms; (5) issues related to the impacts of fishing on non-target, associated and dependent species, such as sea turtles, seabirds and sharks; and (6) other issues, as necessary.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rhea Moss, NMFS, 808-944-2161(voice) or 808-973-2941 (fax), at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: P.L. 109-479, Sec. 501, *et seq.*

Dated: August 28, 2008.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board. The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined in the agenda below.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for: September 10, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: Conference call. Public access is available at SSMC 3, Room # 12836, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Matters to be Considered: The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Date and Time: September 10, 2008 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. ET.

Agenda

1. Discussion and consideration of the Draft Report on the Review of the NOAA Climate Research and Modeling Program, submitted to the SAB by the Climate Working Group.

2. SAB Strategic Planning—for future meetings and for the upcoming Administration transition.

3. Discussion and consideration of the way forward for the SAB on Oceans and Human Health.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops to be held in October, November, and December 2008. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet new regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. Also, the Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop is mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be held in 2009 and announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held October 9, November 6, and December 4, 2008.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held October 14, November 19 and 25, and December 17, 2008.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Norfolk, VA; Dania Beach, FL; and Panama City, FL.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Kenner, LA; Kitty Hawk, NC; Indian Rocks Beach, FL; and Dedham, MA.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.