

that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA).

- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP). NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of the HMS AP when preparing and implementing

Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish.

Nominations are being sought to fill approximately one-third (12) of the seats on the HMS AP, each with a 3-year appointment. NMFS will consider individuals with definable interests in recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, including those from the environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations, for membership on the HMS AP.

**DATES:** Submit nominations on or before December 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and requests for the Advisory Panel Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by email to *HMSAP.Nominations@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line the following identifier: "HMS AP Nominations."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anna Quintrell at 301-427-7861 or via email at *HMSAP.Nominations@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HMS fisheries (tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish) are managed under the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP and its amendments pursuant to the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). HMS implementing regulations are at 50 CFR part 635.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires NMFS to establish an AP for each HMS FMP (16 U.S.C. 1854(g)(1)(A)-(B)). Since the inception of the AP in 1998, NMFS has consulted with and considered the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing HMS FMPs or FMP amendments. In this notice, NMFS solicits nominations for the HMS AP. Nominations are being sought to fill approximately one-third (12) of the seats on the HMS AP for 3-year appointments. NMFS will consider individuals with definable interests in recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, including those from the environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations for membership on the HMS AP as described below.

#### Procedures and Guidelines

##### *Nomination Procedures for Appointments to the AP*

Nomination packages should include:

1. The name and contact information, including mailing address, email address, and phone number of the nominee;

2. A description of the nominee's interest in HMS or HMS fisheries, or in particular species of tunas, swordfish, sharks, or billfish;

3. A statement of the nominee's background and/or qualifications;

4. A list of outreach resources that the nominee has at their disposal to communicate qualifications for HMS AP membership; and

5. A written commitment that the nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the meetings and tasks of the HMS AP.

Advisory Panel members will be required to comply with applicable rules of conduct, including all ethics requirements. Qualification for membership includes experience in one or more of the following:

1. HMS recreational fisheries;
2. HMS commercial fisheries;
3. Fishery-related industries (*e.g.*, marinas, bait and tackle shops);
4. The scientific community working with HMS; and/or

5. Representation of a private, non-governmental, regional, national, or international organization that represents marine fisheries, or environmental, governmental, or academic interests regarding HMS.

#### *HMS AP Tenure*

Members are appointed for 3-year terms. Approximately one-third of the members' terms expire on December 31 of each year. NMFS is seeking nominations for terms beginning January 2025 and expiring December 2027.

Members can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms (a total of 9 consecutive years). Afterwards, a member must then sit off the HMS AP for a single year before becoming eligible to apply for a new term.

#### *Participants*

NMFS will accept nominations for the HMS AP that allow for representation from commercial and recreational fishing interests, academic/scientific interests, and the environmental/non-governmental organization community, for individuals who are knowledgeable about HMS and/or HMS fisheries. Current representation on the HMS AP, as shown in table 1, consists of 12 members representing commercial interests, 12 members representing recreational interests, 4 members representing environmental interests, 4 academic representatives, and the ICCAT Advisory Committee Chair.

NMFS seeks to fill four commercial, four recreational, one environmental, and three academic sector vacancies for terms starting in 2025.

In filling vacancies, NMFS will seek to maintain the current representation from each of the sectors. NMFS also considers species expertise and representation from the fishing regions

(Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean) to ensure the diversity and balance of the HMS AP. table 1 includes the current representation on the HMS AP by sector, region, and species with terms that are expiring identified in the “Member Status” column. It is not meant to indicate that NMFS will only

consider persons who have expertise in the species or fishing regions that are listed. Rather, NMFS will aim toward having as diverse and balanced an AP as possible. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the HMS AP.

TABLE 1—CURRENT REPRESENTATION ON THE HMS AP BY SECTOR, REGION, AND SPECIES

Sector	Fishing region	Species	Date appointed	Date term expires	Member status
Academic	NE/Mid-Atlantic	Tuna/Shark	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Academic	SE/Gulf	Sharks	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Academic	Northeast	Tunas	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Academic	All	All HMS	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico	Tuna	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Commercial	Southeast	Swordfish	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Commercial	Mid-Atlantic/SE	Tuna	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico	Sharks	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico	All HMS	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	Northeast	All HMS	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Commercial	NE/SE/GOM	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Commercial	Southeast	Sharks	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Commercial	Northeast	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Environmental	All	Tuna	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Environmental	All	All HMS	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Environmental	All	Shark	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Environmental	Caribbean	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Recreational	All	All HMS	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Recreational	All	All HMS	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna/Shark	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Recreational	Gulf of Mexico	All HMS	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	Active.
Recreational	All	Billfish	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	Shark	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Recreational	Southeast/Mid Atlantic	Billfish	1/1/2024	12/31/2026	Active.
Recreational	NE/SE/GOM	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna/Shark	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.
Recreational	Southeast	All HMS	1/1/2022	12/31/2024	Expiring.

**Note:** Terms that are expiring or associated with current members stepping down are marked as “Expiring”.

Five additional members on the HMS AP include one member representing each of the following Fishery Management Councils: New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The HMS AP also includes 22 ex-officio participants: 20 representatives of the coastal states and 2 representatives of the interstate commissions (the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission).

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the HMS AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of

any kind. Depending on availability of funds, members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the HMS AP meetings.

*Meeting Schedule*

NMFS will hold meetings of the HMS AP as frequently as necessary and, at a minimum, twice each year. In recent years, NMFS held meetings once in the spring, and once in the fall. The meetings may be held in conjunction with public hearings.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will hold an online public meeting.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific standard time or