



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

2010 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fishing Year Summary

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Landings Reported by Quota Category	# of Fish	Weight (mt)	2010 Base Quota (mt)	2010 Adj.* Quota (mt)	% Base Quota Taken	% Adj. Quota Taken
General	3,072	528.3	448.6	538.9	118	98
Harpoon	156	18.4	37.1	44.6	50	41
Longline (incl. NED)	407	88.5	102.1	100.0	87	89
Trap	0	0.0	1.0	1.1	0	0
Purse Seine	0	0.0	177.2	212.8	0	0
Angling	4,119	178.5	187.6	225.4	95	79
School	1,835	33.0	97.7	97.7	34	34
Lg Sch/Sm. Med	2,242	139.3	85.6	122.5	163	114
Trophy	42	6.2	4.3	6.9	144	90
Reserve	0	0.0	23.8	70.3	0	0
TOTAL (landings only)	7,754	813.7	977.4	1,193.1	83	68
TOTAL** (landings + dead discards)		973.7	977.4	1,193.1	100	82

* Includes transfer of 1.7 mt from Reserve to Angling Trophy North.

** NOTE 2010 Dead discard estimates are not yet available (2009 estimate = 160.0 mt). The United States accounts for dead discards as part of the quota specification process and reports dead discards to ICCAT annually.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fisheries interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view additional catch information, please visit <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Tuna.htm> or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.

Emily H. Menashes
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

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NMFS ANNOUNCES PROTECTED SPECIES RELEASE, DISENTANGLEMENT, AND IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE OF 2011

Shark and swordfish limited access permit holders and applicants for permit transfers who fish with longline or gillnet gear, must submit a copy of their Protected Species Release, Disentanglement, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew or transfer either a shark limited access and/or a swordfish limited access permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Vessel operators are required to possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and operator at all times.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Workshop certificates that were initially issued in 2008 may be expiring. Vessel owners whose certificates are expiring must attend a workshop and obtain a new certificate prior to permit renewal. Vessel operators must possess valid workshop certificates on board for both the vessel owner and operator.

WHO MUST ATTEND

Vessel owners and operators using longline or gillnet gear and holding, or applying for, one or more of the following permits:

- Shark Directed Limited Access Permit;
- Shark Incidental Limited Access Permit;
- Swordfish Directed Limited Access Permit; and/or
- Swordfish Incidental Limited Access Permit

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOPS

- To educate longline and gillnet fishermen on the required techniques for safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish
- To improve identification of protected species and improve reporting
- To generate a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries
- To provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species

SCHEDULE

The following table lists the workshops that are scheduled to occur in April, May, and June of 2011. Workshops will begin promptly at **9:00 a.m.** and will conclude at approximately **5:00 p.m.**

Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
April 2011					
4/20/2011	Hilton Garden Inn	5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail	Kitty Hawk	NC	27949
4/27/2011	Hilton Hotel (Armstrong Airport)	901 Airline Drive	Kenner	LA	70062
May 2011					
5/18/2011	Town & Country Inn	2008 Savannah Highway	Charleston	SC	29407
5/25/2011	Hilton Hotel (Logan Airport)	1 Hotel Drive	Boston	MA	02128
June 2011					
6/15/2011	Holiday Inn	5549 Leopard Street	Corpus Christi	TX	78408
6/29/2011	Holiday Inn	10120 South Federal Highway	Port St. Lucie	FL	34952



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WHAT TO BRING

To ensure that the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, please bring the following items to the workshop:

Individual Vessel Owner:

- Proof of identification,
- A copy of the applicable permit(s), and
- A copy of the vessel registration or documentation.

Representative of a Business or Co-Owned Vessel:

- Proof that the individual is an agent (partial owner) of the business,
- A copy of the applicable permit(s), and
- Proof of identification.

Vessel Operator:

- Proof of identification.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To pre-register for a scheduled workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158.

For further information regarding workshop requirements please visit the following webpage: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops> or contact Rick Pearson at (727) 824-5399.

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NMFS ANNOUNCES ATLANTIC SHARK IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE OF 2011

An Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic sharks unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop dealer certificate is on the premises of each business location listed under the shark dealer permit where sharks are first received (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Trucks or other conveyances of a dealer's place of business which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate (73 FR 38153; July 3, 2008). Additionally, Atlantic shark dealers may not renew a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate has been submitted with the permit renewal application (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). As such, **Atlantic shark dealers who have not already attended a workshop and received a valid NMFS certificate, or whose certificate is expiring prior to the next permit renewal, must attend one of the free workshops in order to receive shark products or renew their Atlantic shark dealer permit.** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops being held in April, May, and June of 2011 are listed below.

Who Must Attend

- All new applicants for Atlantic shark dealer permits;
- All federally-permitted Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy from each business location that receives sharks (unless they have already attended a workshop and possess a valid certificate);

Proxies: Currently permitted shark dealers may send someone else (*i.e.* a proxy) to a shark identification workshop instead of attending themselves. If a dealer opts to send a proxy, then a proxy from each place of business which first receives sharks under the dealer's permit must attend the workshop. A proxy must be:

- A person who is currently employed by a place of business authorized to receive sharks under the dealer's permit;
- A primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and,
- Involved in filling out dealer reports.

Purpose of Workshops

- To train Federal Atlantic shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify shark carcasses
- To reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form
- To increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer reported information
- To generate a better understanding of the regulatory requirements for Atlantic shark dealers
- To improve quota monitoring and data used for shark stock assessments



Schedule All workshops will begin at 12:00 (noon) and will conclude at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Date	Location	Address	City	State	Zip Code
April 2011					
4/7/2011	LaQuinta Inn	2610 Williams Boulevard	Kenner	LA	70062
4/14/2011	LaQuinta Inn	1791 Dunlawton Avenue	Port Orange	FL	32127
May 2011					
5/5/2011	Comfort Inn	4 Fisher Street	Foxborough	MA	02035
June 2011					
6/2/2011	Holiday Inn	151 Route 72 East	Manahawkin	NJ	08050
6/16/2011	LaQuinta Inn	1791 Dunlawton Avenue	Port Orange	FL	32127

WHAT TO BRING

To ensure that the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, please bring the following items to the workshop:

Individual Dealer Permit Holder:

- Proof of identification, and
- A copy of the applicable permit(s).

Representative of a Partnership, Corporation, or other entity:

- Proof that the individual is an agent (partial owner) of the business,
- A copy of the applicable permit(s), and
- Proof of identification.

Dealer Proxies:

- Documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the Atlantic shark dealer and for a specific business location,
- A copy of the applicable permit, and
- Proof of identification.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To pre-register for a scheduled workshop, please contact Eric Sander at esander@peoplepc.com or by phone at (386) 852-8588. Pre-registration is highly recommended but is not required.

For further information regarding workshop requirements please visit the following webpage: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops> or contact Rick Pearson at (727) 824-5399.

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themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files.

Dated: February 28, 2011.

Michelle O'Neill,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA160

Marine Mammals; File No. 15330; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application; correction.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Robin Baird, PhD, Cascadia Research, 218½ W. 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals in the Pacific Ocean for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before March 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 15530 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed below. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by e-mail to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 15330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Morse or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 25, 2011, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 10560) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The file number for the application in the title and e-mail comment address is corrected in this document. All other information to the notice has been unchanged. Please refer to the February 25, 2011 notice for a summary of the application.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

Dated: February 25, 2011.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA213

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: Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in April, May, and June of 2011. Certain

fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. 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 who have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be conducted during 2011.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held April 7, April 14, May 5, June 2, and June 16, 2011.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held on April 20, April 27, May 18, May 25, June 15, and June 29, 2011.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Kenner, LA; Port Orange, FL (2); Foxborough, MA; and Manahawkin, NJ.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Kitty Hawk, NC; Kenner, LA; Charleston, SC; Boston, MA; Corpus Christi, TX; and Port St. Lucie, FL.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Pearson by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2008, Atlantic shark dealers have been prohibited from receiving, purchasing, trading, or bartering for Atlantic sharks unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop are issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. Approximately 55 free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops have been conducted since January 2007.

Currently permitted dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop. However, if a

dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit which first receives Atlantic sharks. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and who fills out dealer reports. Atlantic shark dealers are prohibited from renewing a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location which first receives Atlantic sharks has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Additionally, trucks or other conveyances which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. April 7, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn, 2610 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062.
2. April 14, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn, 1791 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127.
3. May 5, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Comfort Inn, 4 Fisher Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.
4. June 2, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Holiday Inn, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
5. June 16, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn, 1791 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander at esander@peoplepc.com or at (386) 852-8588.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items to the workshop:

- Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the attendee is an owner or agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.
- Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the permitted dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the permitted Atlantic shark dealer for a specific business location, a copy of the appropriate valid permit, and proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2007, shark limited-access and swordfish limited-access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear have been required to submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel owners whose certificate(s) will expire prior to the next permit renewal, must attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited-access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited-access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued. Approximately 106 free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops have been conducted since 2006.

In addition to certifying vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates onboard at all times. The certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a

vessel with swordfish and shark limited-access permits that uses with longline or gillnet gear.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. April 20, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 5353 North Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.
2. April 27, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Hilton Hotel, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062.
3. May 18, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407.
4. May 25, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Hilton Hotel, 1 Hotel Drive, Boston, MA 02128.
5. June 15, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 5549 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78408.
6. June 29, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 10120 South Federal Highway, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items with them to the workshop:

- Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
- Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.
- Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants

with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Dated: February 25, 2011.

Margo Schulze-Haugen,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2011; 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The Commission staff will brief the Commission on the status of compliance matters. For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7923.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy. U.S. Patent No. 7,048,854: Apparatus for the removal of heavy metals from acidic wastewater and chemical solutions, Navy Case No. 97424//U.S. Patent No. 7,105,094: Method for the removal of heavy metals from acidic wastewater and chemical solutions, Navy Case No. 97617.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the inventions cited should be directed to

Andrew Drucker, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Code EV12, 1100 23rd Ave., Port Hueneme, CA 93043-4370 and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Drucker supporting the Head of Technology Transfer Office, Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center, Code EV12, 1100 23rd Ave., Port Hueneme, CA 93043-4370, telephone 805-982-1108, Fax 805-982-4832, E-mail: andrew.drucker@navy.mil.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR 404.7.

Dated: February 24, 2011.

D.J. Werner,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b, notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's public hearing and meeting described below. Interested persons or groups may present comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9 a.m., March 31, 2011.

PLACE: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2901. Additionally, as a part of the Board's E-Government initiative, the meeting will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.dnfsb.gov>).

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This is the third in a series of public meetings to examine the Department of Energy's (DOE) implementation of

Recommendation 2004-1, *Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations*. The Board is reviewing DOE's and the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) safety management and oversight of the contracts and contractors they rely upon to accomplish the mission assigned to DOE and NNSA under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, at defense nuclear facilities. We will focus on what impact DOE's and NNSA's new initiatives, including changes to DOE directives, contractor oversight, and governance, may have upon assuring adequate protection of the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's and NNSA's defense nuclear facilities. We are conducting this series of public meetings to collect information needed to understand and address any health or safety concerns that may require Board action.

In the March 31, 2011, meeting the Board will explore in more depth Federal safety management and oversight policies being developed and administered by DOE and NNSA for defense nuclear facilities. DOE and NNSA senior leaders will articulate their views on the role of line and independent oversight to safely accomplish their work at defense nuclear facilities. The Board will examine DOE's and NNSA's evolving approach to federal oversight and its relationship to contractor assurance systems as well as the effect of changes to DOE directives. The public hearing portion of this proceeding is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Grosner, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation in the hearing is invited. Requests to speak may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on March 30, 2011, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 12 p.m. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before the hearing at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the

ATTACHMENT ____

Report of the Swordfish Working Group

*Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT
2011 Species Working Group Workshop*

Crowne Plaza, Silver Spring, MD
March 8-9, 2011

*Dr. David Kerstetter, Convener
Mr. Henry DeBey, Rapporteur*

The Swordfish Working Group met on the afternoon of March 8th to develop research and management recommendations for the consideration of the Advisory Committee. The working group reviewed its 2010 report and considered the results of the 2010 meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The Swordfish Working Group makes the following recommendations:

A. Swordfish Conservation and Management Recommendations

- Temporary quota transfers:
 - * The Agency should prepare an evaluation of CPC swordfish fishery development, bycatch reduction measures and utilization of any under-harvest quota transferred from United States during the 2008-2010 periods. Regarding future temporary quota transfers, any discussions with CPCs should place a high priority on potential collaboration with research projects or other data collection measures, including requirements for fisheries observer coverage.
 - * Any U.S. under-harvest quota transfer should remain temporary.
 - * Whenever possible, priority for U.S. under-harvest quota transfers should be given to CPCs which do not enter the U.S. swordfish market.
- Based on the leadership of the United States in conservation measures and the efforts of the U.S. fishermen to rebuild the swordfish stock, the Agency should identify and take the necessary future steps to assure the ability of the United States to retain and fully utilize its swordfish quota, including the revitalization of the domestic fishery.
- The species working group recommends that maintaining Canadian port access should be a priority for the United States.

B. Research & Monitoring Recommendations

Research:

- The working group recommends that the Agency undertake research on the characterization of the swordfish “deep-drop” fishery, including catch and fishery parameters.
- The working group recommends that the Agency undertake collection of swordfish biological samples in expectation of future retrospective analyses.
- The Agency should work with Canada to encourage the development of explicit swordfish Limit Reference Points (LRPs), as planned by the SCRS.

Reporting:

- The United States should continue to examine ways to enhance reporting of recreationally caught swordfish, including increased enforcement to deter sale by non-commercial vessels. The Agency should seek to correlate MRIP data with electronic reporting of swordfish landings.

Gear Modification/Bycatch Mortality:

- Continue the development of additional gear technology and modifications to reduce bycatch and bycatch mortality (e.g., weak hook and circle hook studies).
- Continue the assessment of a relatively “clean” fishery technology (e.g., swordfish buoy gear) in geographic areas other than the Florida Straits.
- Continue cooperative fisheries research programs with CPCs.

Swordfish Working Group Members

IAC members:

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Report of the Shark Working Group

*Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT
2011 Species Working Group Workshop*

Crowne Plaza, Silver Spring, Maryland
March 8-9, 2011

*Sonja Fordham, Convener
Jennifer Cudney, Rapporteur*

The Shark Working Group met in the afternoon of March 8th and the morning of March 9th to develop recommendations regarding management, research, and the amendment of the ICCAT Convention with respect to sharks for the consideration of the Advisory Committee. The Working Group reviewed its 2010 report and considered the results of the 2010 annual meeting of the International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The Shark Working Group makes the following recommendations:

Management Recommendations

Finning:

- The U.S. should once again propose a fins-naturally-attached measure at ICCAT and make a concerted effort, starting well in advance of the annual meeting, to add co-sponsors to the proposal.

Shortfin makos:

- The U.S. should work, particularly through the Compliance Committee, to stress with Parties the importance of fulfilling their obligations to report catch data and reduce fishing mortality with respect to shortfin mako sharks.

Porbeagles:

- The U.S. should consider making, co-sponsoring, or supporting a proposal to prohibit retention of porbeagle sharks.

Common Threshers:

- The U.S. should support and consider proposing ICCAT management measures for common thresher sharks that are in line with US fishery management measures.

Other Shark Species:

- The U.S. should support or consider co-sponsoring proposals to prohibit retention of longfin mako and other shark species that are on the U.S. prohibited list.
- The U.S. should consider making or co-sponsoring a proposal to prohibit retention of silky sharks.

Research Recommendations

- The SCRS should use recent studies and the latest technology to identify high seas areas critical to the health of ICCAT species for potential time/area closures (example: porbeagle pupping in the Sargasso Sea).
- The SCRS should encourage and review research regarding shark bycatch and release mortality associated with various pelagic fishing methods and gears, including circle hooks, metal/magnet deterrents, weak hooks, wire leaders, and break-away gear, and make recommendations to the Commission.
- The SCRS should conduct a data review for common thresher sharks with the goal of a future assessment.

Future of ICCAT Recommendations

- The U.S. should pursue amendments to the ICCAT Convention that expand the scope of species to explicitly allow for the management of sharks* (whether taken in targeted fisheries or indirectly).
- The U.S. should pursue amendments to the ICCAT Convention that facilitate precautionary and ecosystem-based approaches to management.
- The U.S. should pursue amendments to the ICCAT Convention to increase recognition of major (currently non-Party) fishing entities in order to ensure that associated dues, fishing limits, and other obligations are respected.

*as defined in FAO International Plan of Action for Sharks

Shark Working Group Members

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APPENDIX III

Report of the Billfish Working Group

*Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT
2011 Species Working Group Workshop*

Crowne Plaza, Silver Spring, MD
March 8-9, 2011

Russell Nelson, Convener

Emily Loose, Rapporteur

The Billfish Species Working Group (BSWG) met on the afternoon of March 8 to develop management and research recommendations for the consideration of the Advisory Committee. The group reviewed both the 2010 BSWG recommendations to the Committee and considered the results of the 2010 ICCAT Commission meeting applicable to billfish. The BSWG also discussed recent billfish research, such as studies related to gear use, population structure, and age and growth analyses that have implications for 2011 and beyond.

The BSWG agreed on the following management and research recommendations:

Management Recommendations:

- 1. Scientists from the SEFSC should ask the SCRS to investigate alternative CPUE indices and assessment techniques, such as larval recruitment studies.*
The BSWG is concerned that changes in CPUE time series created by the mandated marlin release requirements and landing reduction will seriously jeopardize the SCRS's ability to complete the coming assessments and offer instructive management advice. Thus the SCRS should investigate alternatives.
- 2. Seek commission support for expanded observer coverage for all fleets interacting with billfish distributed on the basis of percentage of total sets.*
- 3. SCRS should analyze the efficacy of data collected under the existing observer program and make recommendations for improving precision and accuracy as appropriate for stock assessment purposes with particular reference to live and dead discards.*
The BSWG noted that preliminary research shows relatively high post-release survival rates; however, more research is needed in this area for determining the efficacy of current regulations and appropriate future management actions.
- 4. SCRS should determine whether the recommendation currently in place is adequate for sailfish.*
The BSWG acknowledged that the eastern Atlantic sailfish stock is the most problematic.
- 5. Extend existing ICCAT measures on Atlantic blue and white marlin.*
The BSWG noted the importance of extending the status quo until the effectiveness of the current agreement can be evaluated through the 2011 (BUM) and 2012 (WHM) stock assessments.

Research Recommendations:

1. *Increase the emphasis on collection and analysis of life-history data for billfish, with special attention focused on validating the age and growth of these species.*
Noting that many of the basic life-history parameters for billfish are still poorly understood, such as age, growth, natural mortality, and population structure, the BSWG encourages continuing basic billfish research. Specifically, this recommendation extends to all life-stages, including increasing research in known and potential billfish spawning areas.
2. *Invest more effort in the research of otolith chemistry.*
The BSWG agreed that more research should be directed toward extending the knowledge base in order to determine whether otolith chemistry is stage specific, if more markers can be considered in the analysis, and if regional differences can be detected, in order to differentiate between Gulf and Atlantic stocks.
3. *Conduct additional research regarding the control of the depth distribution of hooks deployed by pelagic longline vessels, emphasizing a greater diversity of gear configurations.*
The BSWG agreed that by continuing to enhance the understanding of where longline hooks are located in the water column under varying hydrological conditions and how best to control their depth, research in this area could improve the accuracy of CPUE data, strengthen future assessments, and help resolve current discrepancies in ICCAT billfish data. The panel recognized ongoing research in this area and encouraged efforts that build upon past research.
4. *Encourage NMFS to continue cooperative research programs with CPCs and enhance current information regarding potential differences in the catchability of non-target finfish species on pelagic longline gear when deploying circle hooks versus J-hooks.*
Research has shown that circle hooks improve the catchability of some target species and allow for higher billfish bycatch survival.
5. *Emphasize the continuing need for socio-economic research to evaluate the relative value of billfish fisheries under the jurisdiction of ICCAT.*
The BSWG agreed that when evaluating the convention, tuna-like species should be recognized for their importance extending beyond their value as food, to include recreational opportunities.
6. *Investigate techniques and approaches for the long-term management of the artisanal fisheries.*
The BSWG would like to note that the ability to monitor and manage artisanal fisheries will increasingly become a challenge for ICCAT.
7. *Examine potential effects of the DWH oil spill on the 2010 year class of billfish.*
This is particularly important for blue marlin, due to their likelihood of spawning in the Gulf of Mexico.
8. *Encourage SCRS to determine what percentage observer coverage is needed to obtain accurate estimates of released fish (dead and alive) in the high seas longline fisheries.*

Working Group Members:

Advisory Committee Members

Russell Nelson (Convener)
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Eugenio Piñeiro (CFMC)
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Rob Kramer (absent)

Technical Advisors

Benjamin Walther
Bob Zales, II
Vince Pyle (absent)
George Crawford (absent)

Other Attendees:

Emily Loose (rapporteur)

**DRAFT Report of the Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin, and Skipjack Tunas (BAYS)
Working Group Meeting**

*Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT
2011 Species Working Group Workshop*

*Crowne Plaza Hotel
Silver Spring, Maryland
March 8-9, 2011*

Convener: Ray Bogan
Rapporteur: Melanie King

The BAYS Working Group met on the afternoon of March 8th and briefly on the morning of March 9th to develop management and research recommendations for the consideration of the Advisory Committee. The Working Group reviewed both the 2010 BAYS Working Group recommendations to the Committee and considered the results of the 2010 SCRS and Commission meeting applicable to BAYS.

Taking note of the many issues facing BAYS species, the Working Group recognized and highlighted the need to focus on developing recommendations in a few key areas, specifically in the Gulf of Guinea. The Working Group expressed concern over redirected and increased effort into Atlantic tropical tuna fisheries, for example the entry of additional large-scale long-liner and purse seine vessels into the area. The Working Group expressed concern regarding the status of the bigeye and yellowfin tuna stocks and noted that a yellowfin assessment would be completed prior to the next Advisory Committee meeting. The Working Group also noted the importance of albacore to the American consumer and encouraged U.S. participation in the 2011 albacore assessments. The BAYS Working Group makes the following recommendations:

Management Recommendations

Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas

T/A Closure: The Working Group stressed the need to protect juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tuna in the Gulf of Guinea. The Group recognized that the Gulf of Guinea is a major nursery ground for these species, that effort in that area affects the abundance of these species throughout the Atlantic, and that large and sustained catches of juvenile fish decrease the yield of these stocks. The large percentage of catch made up of juvenile fish was highlighted, as well as redirected and increased effort in the area. The Working Group, therefore, recommends that the United States support adoption of an expanded time/area closure. Cooperative efforts should be made to develop more effective Gulf of Guinea time and area closures. The Working Group encourages the United States to consider this a high priority issue at the 2011 ICCAT meeting.

Engagement. The Working Group recommends that the United States, to the greatest extent practicable, engage with West African partners prior to the annual meeting to encourage support for the adoption of binding, long-term management measures.

Trade tracking. Some Members of the Working Group suggest that the United States look into the possibility of expanding trade tracking programs for frozen bigeye product in order to address IUU issues in the Atlantic.

Albacore

The Working Group recommends that the United States support management measures based on the scientific advice for South Atlantic and Mediterranean albacore stocks.

Skipjack

The Working Group made no management recommendations for skipjack.

Research and Scientific Recommendations

Bigeye and Yellowfin Tunas

Tagging programs. The Working Group members expressed concern over the uncertainty involved in past bigeye and yellowfin assessments, particularly with regard to estimated natural mortality. The Working Group recommends that the United States support an enhanced, Atlantic-wide tagging program for tropical tuna species, using both conventional and electronic tags, as proposed in the 2010 SCRS report.

Data Reporting: The Working Group expressed concern over the inability to distinguish between juvenile yellowfin and bigeye landings in the Gulf of Guinea and recognized Ghana's commitment to improve data collection and reporting. The Working Group recommends that the United States fully support and participate in the Ghana data improvement program proposed by the SCRS.

Albacore

Stock Assessment: The Working Group emphasized the importance of U.S. representation at the South Atlantic and Mediterranean albacore assessments and need ensure adequate expertise is involved in the development of those assessments. The Working Groups recommends that NOAA Fisheries scientists participate in the South Atlantic and Mediterranean albacore assessments.

Attendance

BAYS Working Group Members

IAC Members:

Ray Bogan (Convener)
Chester Brewer
Mike McGowan
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Technical Advisers:

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Other Attendees

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Melanie King (Rapporteur)

Report of the Bluefin Tuna Working Group

*Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT
2011 Species Working Group Meeting*

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Silver Spring, MD
March 7-9, 2011

Dr. Molly Lutcavage, Convener
Mr. Benjamin Marcek, Rapporteur

The Bluefin Tuna Working Group met on the afternoon of March 8th to develop management and research recommendations for the consideration of the Advisory Committee. The group reviewed both the 2010 Working Group recommendations and considered the results of the 2010 ICCAT Commission meeting applicable to BFT. The Bluefin Tuna Working Group makes the following recommendations:

Conservation and Management

1. The United States should ensure that Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean nations follow through with their commitment to adopt a three-year recovery plan for 2011-2013 with the goal of achieving B_{MSY} by 2023 with at least 60% probability. The US should also aggressively pursue accountability by Eastern harvesters regarding their implementation of Rec. 09-06 through the Compliance Committee proceedings.
2. In light of changing fishery conditions in recent years, and recognizing that carry over of underages are limited to 10%, the United States should ensure increased timeliness in reporting of landings and discards in all categories and take in-season action as necessary to make sure that the United States remains in compliance with its user group subquotas and total quota.
3. Relevant to the BFT fisheries, the United States should advance a requirement that negotiations for revised ICCAT management recommendations be set in line with SCRS advice.
4. The working group requests clearer and more timely identification of the current position of the agency regarding the prevailing negotiating position in light of the advice of the working group and the IAC.
5. US delegation should limit participation in 3rd party agreements to transfer quotas that adversely affect US fishing interests and that are inconsistent with the ICCAT Agreement on the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities.

Research

1. The United States should continue to honor its funding commitment to the Grande Bluefin Year Program and promote the involvement of NOAA Fisheries leadership in the implementation of the program. In addition, NMFS should establish a process for consistent funding and integration of existing HMS research.
2. In advance of each stock assessment, NMFS should host a BFT workshop for the sharing of best available science and for prioritizing future research.
3. The United States should continue scientific research to obtain a greater understanding of the following:
 - a. Changes in coastal fisheries (e.g., examine hypotheses regarding shifts in bluefin distribution, abundance, and other factors such as prey availability and environment)
 - b. stock structure and mixing
 - c. early life history, reproductive and maturity schedules, and recruitment processes
 - d. further investigation of spawning grounds
4. Conduct tagging studies to estimate post-release mortality in recreational and commercial fisheries.
5. Explore the development of fishery independent estimates of abundance such as aerial and sonar surveys, tagging, and experimental long lining.
6. In light of the 2010 Gulf Horizon oil spill, the Bluefin Working group recommends that the IAC and NOAA urge BP to provide additional funding to monitor long term impacts on pelagic fishes including bluefin tuna, and to identify current and potential impacts on seafood marketing, public perception, and/or damage to fishermen and communities dependent on the fisheries.

Bluefin Tuna Working Group Members

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Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishery Update

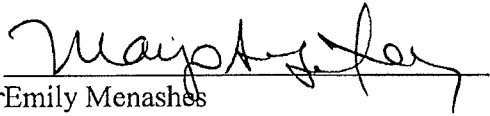
Below are the preliminary landings estimates in metric tons (mt) and pounds (lb) dressed weight (dw) for the Atlantic Shark commercial fisheries from **January 1, 2011, through February 28, 2011**. Most of these preliminary landings estimates include landing reports received through February 28, 2011; shark research fishery estimates include landing reports received through March 15, 2011. The landings presented below are total landings reported through the Pelagic Dealer Compliance (PDC), and the Accumulated Landings System (ALS). Landings within the shark research fishery were determined from trip tickets provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by scientific observers. The estimates include landings by state-only permitted vessels, federally permitted vessels, and the 2011 shark research fishery participants. **NMFS encourages fishermen to avoid blacknose shark catch in order to keep the non-blacknose SCS fishery open as long as possible.**

Species Group	Region	Season Opening Dates	2011 Quota	Estimated Landings	% of Quota
Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Sharks	Gulf of Mexico	March 1	351.9 mt dw (775,740 lb dw)	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	0%
	Atlantic	July 15	190.4 mt dw (419,756 lb dw)	0 mt dw (0 lb dw)	0%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Non-Sandbar LCS)	No regional quotas	January 1	37.5 mt dw (82,673 lb dw)	9.9 mt dw (21,794 lb dw)	26%
Shark Research Fishery Quota (Sandbar only)		January 1	87.9 mt dw (193,784 lb dw)	Inside SRF 14.7 mt dw (32,482 lb dw) Outside SRF * 0.5 mt dw (1,176 lb dw)	17%
Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Sharks	No regional quotas	January 1	314.4 mt dw (693,257 lb dw)	20.1 mt dw (44,426 lb dw)	6.4%
Blacknose Sharks		January 1	19.9 mt dw (43,872 lb dw)	2.6 mt dw (6,410 lb dw)	14.6%
Blue Sharks	No regional quotas	January 1	273 mt dw (601,856 lb dw)	4.6 mt dw (10,241 lb dw)	1.7%
Porbeagle Sharks		January 1	1.6 mt dw (3,479 lb dw)	0.04 mt dw (92 lb dw)	2.6%
Pelagic Sharks Other Than Porbeagle or Blue		January 1	488 mt dw (1,075,856 lb dw)	19.4 mt dw (38,888 lb dw)	3.6%

* These landings are from state landings, unverified landings and/or unclassified sharks.



This notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about your fishery. For further information on this landings update or the closure, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Guý DuBeck at 301-713-2347. The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>.



for Emily Menashes
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries

3/22/2011

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2011

TO: Council

FROM: Jason Didden

SUBJECT: March 30, 2011 Visioning Project Committee Meeting

The Visioning Project Committee met March 30, 2011 in Washington D.C. The goal of the meeting was to develop a common understanding of the project and to provide the Touchstone consultants with input needed to develop a roadmap detailing the steps required to complete the project. Touchstone will be creating a more detailed summary of the meeting, but from staff's perspective several key points emerged:

1. The first goal is to establish a vision (or visions) for the Council's fisheries, in other words "What should the Council's fisheries look like?" The vision will need to be informed by input from and dialogue with the Council's stakeholders if it is to be meaningful and successful. The level of engagement with stakeholders will have to be multidimensional (internet, meetings, face-to-face, comment periods, media, etc) and at a level that exceeds the normal way that we do business.

An initial engagement period will be required to make stakeholders aware of the project and to encourage participation. The committee developed lists of stakeholders and potential methods of engagement. Part of the initial engagement will involve investigating if some potential stakeholders have been missed and which kinds of engagement are best suited for the various stakeholder groups. A second and more intense engagement period will focus on collecting and integrating stakeholder input on what the vision (or visions) should actually be.

2. The second goal is to develop a strategic plan to assist the Council in moving from the status quo to the vision (or visions) developed for the Council's fisheries.

3. A third goal is that the additions/improvements to stakeholder engagement developed for the Visioning Project should inform future/ongoing communication activities.

As part of developing a common understanding of the project, the committee developed the following two sentences to help frame the project:

The visioning process defines and develops a new way for the Council to better engage stakeholders and creates a vision for the Mid-Atlantic fisheries that informs the Council's management plans.

The council will develop a strategic plan with stakeholder input and use the strategic plan to achieve the vision.

The agenda follows this page.

MAFMC Visioning and Strategic Planning Roadmap

March 30, 2011

Purpose: Conduct a working session to gather input for the MAFMC vision and strategic plan roadmap

Outcomes:

- Alignment on the importance and value of the vision and strategic plan
- Agreement on the approach for stakeholder engagement
- Clarity on timing and steps for the vision and strategic planning process

Time: 9:30 am – 5:00pm

Location: Touchstone Consulting Group. 1920 N St., NW, Washington DC. Galileo Room

Proposed Agenda

AGENDA ITEM	WHO	OUTCOME
<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Rick	Sets the tone and clarifies expectations
<i>Level Setting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key concepts and definitions • Share interview themes on importance, lessons learned • Guiding principles • Scope • Roadmap Framework 	Touchstone	Shared understanding of the value and benefits of the effort Visioning Committee support and commitment to champion the effort
BREAK		
<i>Roadmap Development Step 1: Stakeholder Identification</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on stakeholder groups 	All	Clarity on the stakeholders and the level of engagement necessary for each stakeholder
<i>Roadmap Development Step 2: Awareness and Buy-In</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share best practices • General: Agree on outreach methods • Stakeholder Specific: Who are the influencers, how will we get them bought in, WIIFT (what is in it for them), what's different and who is responsible? 	All	Agreement on the general outreach approach and method for gaining buy in and support of each stakeholder group
LUNCH		
<i>Roadmap Development Step 3: Stakeholder Input & Data Gathering</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share best practices • Agree on key methods • Agree on methods for each stakeholder 	All	Agreement on the methods and approach for gathering information for each stakeholder group

AGENDA ITEM	WHO	OUTCOME
<i>Roadmap Development Step 4: Co-Creation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key players • Governance • Approval process 	All	Agreement on the roles and players
BREAK		
<i>Roadmap Development Step 5: Roadmap Timeline</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phases and key milestones 	All	Clarity on the key steps and timing for the visioning and strategic planning effort
<i>Closing and Next Steps</i>	Touchstone and Rick	Clarity on next steps and action items