

groupings. Priority will be given to elected officials (first) and individuals representing organizations or tribes (second), with the remaining time allotted to individuals testifying on their own behalf. The testimony schedule will be published on the Department of Commerce Coastal Zone Management Act Web site (<http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>) before the hearing.

Speakers from the general public will receive up to three minutes to present oral comments. Elected officials and individuals representing organizations or tribes will receive up to five minutes to speak. In order to accommodate the maximum number of speakers, time limits will be strictly enforced. If any member of the public, elected official, or organizational or tribal representative misses his or her assigned speaking slot, there will be no ability to make it up. Speakers will not be permitted to cede time to another speaker, and only one person may speak on behalf of an organization or tribe.

Written comments on issues relevant to the Secretary's decision in this appeal may be submitted to NOAA at the hearing by any person in attendance. In addition, written comments may be submitted by e-mail to [gcos.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:gcos.comments@noaa.gov) or by mail addressed to Thomas Street, NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments must be received by October 2, 2008.

NOAA officials administering the hearing will not entertain questions, and will not be making any substantive decisions at the hearing. This hearing is being held to obtain information on issues the Secretary will likely consider in deciding the TCA's appeal. A summary of relevant issues as well as additional background on the appeal appeared in the **Federal Register** notice of March 17, 2008, announcing the appeal, and may be found on the Internet at <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>. This Web site also includes additional information on the hearing, including conduct and decorum that is required, restrictions on the use of cameras and recording equipment and the display of signs and banners in the hearing room, the process by which testimony will be transcribed and made part of the record, and other rules and guidelines.

Questions concerning the hearing should be directed to Thomas Street, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 301-713-2967, or Stephanie Campbell, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel,

301-713-2967, or [gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov](mailto:gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov).

Dated: August 26, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); First Fall Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for the 2008 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT is announcing the convening of the first of two fall meetings.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 15-16, 2008. There will be an open session on Monday, September 15, 2008, beginning from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public. There will be no opportunity for oral public comments during the meeting. Written comments on issues being considered at the meeting will be made available to the Advisory Committee, and must be received no later than September 8, 2008 (see **ADDRESSES**).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Written comments should be sent to Terra Lederhouse at NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs, Room 12641, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments can also be provided via fax (301-713-2313) or email ([Terra.Lederhouse@noaa.gov](mailto:Terra.Lederhouse@noaa.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terra Lederhouse, Office of International Affairs, 301-713-9090.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet September 15-16,

2008, first in an open session to consider information on stock status of Atlantic highly migratory species, particularly bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna, and sharks. There will be no opportunity for oral public comment during the open session. Written comments, however, may be submitted before the September open session by mail, fax or email and should be received by September 11, 2008 (see **ADDRESSES**).

After the open session, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations regarding the management of Atlantic highly migratory species. The Advisory Committee will also consider fleet capacity management and monitoring, control and surveillance issues.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Terra Lederhouse at (301) 713-9090 by at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 27, 2008.

**Christopher Rogers,**

*Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas; Second Fall Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for the 2008 ICCAT meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) will convene its second and final fall meeting in October 2008.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 26-28, 2008. There will be an open session the afternoon of Sunday, October 26, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public. Oral comments can