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Dated: October 30, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review Workshops

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

**ACTION:** Notice; nominations for Advisory Panel.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Advisory Panel (AP) for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Workshops (this AP is also called the "SEDAR Pool"). The SEDAR Pool is comprised of a group of individuals who may be selected to consider data and advise NMFS regarding scientific information, including but not limited to data and models, used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. Nominations are being sought for a 3-year appointment (2014-2016). Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, or non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership on the SEDAR Pool.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before December 4, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and request the SEDAR Pool Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov](mailto:SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov).
- *Mail:* Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Include on the envelope the following identifier: "SEDAR Pool Nomination."
- *Fax:* 301-713-1917.

Additional information on SEDAR and the SEDAR guidelines can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. The terms of reference for the SEDAR Pool, along with a list of current members, can be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/SEDAR/SEDAR.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, (301) 425-8503.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Introduction

Section 302(g)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, states that each Council shall establish such advisory panels as are necessary or appropriate to assist in carrying out its functions under the Act. The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides that this section is applicable to HMS Management by the Secretary as well as by Councils. As such, NMFS has established the SEDAR Pool under this section. The SEDAR Pool currently consists of 26 individuals who can be selected to review data and advise NMFS regarding scientific information, including but not limited to data and models, used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. While the SEDAR Pool was created specifically for Atlantic oceanic sharks, it may be expanded to include other HMS, as needed.

The primary purpose of the individuals in the SEDAR Pool is to review, at SEDAR workshops, the scientific information (including but not limited to data and models) used in stock assessments that are used to advise NMFS about the conservation and management of the Atlantic HMS, specifically but not limited to, Atlantic sharks. Individuals in the SEDAR Pool, if selected, may participate in the various data, assessment, and review workshops during the SEDAR process of any HMS stock assessment. In order to ensure that the peer review is unbiased, individuals who participated in a data and/or assessment workshop for a particular stock assessment will not be allowed to serve as reviewers for the same stock assessment. However, these individuals may be asked to attend the review workshop to answer specific

questions from the reviewers concerning the data and/or assessment workshops. Members of the SEDAR Pool may serve as members of other APs concurrent with, or following, their service on the SEDAR Pool.

#### Procedures and Guidelines

##### A. Participants

The SEDAR Pool is comprised of individuals representing the commercial and recreational fishing communities for Atlantic sharks, the environmental community active in the conservation and management of Atlantic sharks, and the academic community that have relevant expertise either with sharks or shark-like species and/or stock assessment methodologies for marine fish species. Members of the SEDAR Pool must have demonstrated experience in the fisheries, related industries, research, teaching, writing, conservation, or management of marine organisms. The distribution of representation among the interested parties is not defined or limited.

Additional members of the SEDAR Pool may also include representatives from the five Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Councils, the 18 states in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, both the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and the interstate commissions: the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

If NMFS requires additional members to ensure a diverse pool of individuals for data or assessment workshops, NMFS may request individuals to become members of the SEDAR Pool outside of the annual nomination period.

Panel members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. Not all members will be selected to attend each SEDAR workshop. Rather, NMFS will invite certain members to participate at specific stock assessment workshops dependent on their ability to participate, discuss, and recommend scientific decisions regarding the species being assessed. If an invited SEDAR Pool member is unable to attend the workshop, the member may send a designee who may represent them and participate in the activities of the workshop. In order to ensure the designee meets the requirements of participating in the data and/or assessment workshop, the designee must receive written approval of the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries at least six weeks in advance of the beginning of the relevant data and/or assessment workshop. Written notification must include the name,

address, telephone, email, and position of the individual designated. A designee may not name another designee.

NMFS is not obligated to fulfill any requests (e.g., requests for an assessment of a certain species) that may be made by the SEDAR Pool or its individual members. Members of the SEDAR Pool who are invited to attend stock assessment workshops will not be compensated for their services but may be reimbursed for their travel-related expenses to attend such workshops.

#### *B. Nomination Procedures for Appointments to the SEDAR Pool*

Member tenure will be for 3 years. Nominations are sought for terms beginning early in 2014 and expiring three years later in 2016. Nomination packages should include:

1. The name, address, phone number, and email of the applicant or nominee;
2. A description of his/her interest in Atlantic shark stock assessments or the Atlantic shark fishery;
3. A statement of background and/or qualifications; and
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall participate actively and in good faith in the tasks of the SEDAR Pool, as requested.

#### *C. Meeting Schedule*

Invitations to individual members of the SEDAR Pool to participate in stock assessments are at the discretion of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS. Stock assessment timing, frequency, and relevant species will vary depending on the needs determined by NMFS and SEDAR staff. Currently, NMFS anticipates holding stock assessments for smoothhound sharks (i.e., *Mustelus canis*, *M. norrisi*, and *M. sinusmexicanus*) in 2014. The specific number and type of meetings or dates for those stock assessments have not yet been determined. Meetings and meeting logistics will be determined according to the SEDAR Guidelines. All meetings are open for observation by the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

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### Notice of Availability (NOA) for Strategic Network Optimization (SNO) Environmental Assessment Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) for Strategic Network Optimization (SNO) Environmental Assessment (EA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**SUMMARY:** On September 20, 2013, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) published a NOA in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 57845) announcing the publication of the Strategic Network Optimization EA. The EA was available for a 30-day public comment period which ended October 19, 2013. The EA was prepared as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (1969). In addition, the EA complied with DLA Regulation (DLAR) 1000.22. No comments were received during the comment period. This FONSI documents the decision of DLA to select the Global Distribution Network alternative to implement the SNO Program for the Department of Defense (DoD). DLA has determined that the proposed action was not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the context of NEPA and that no significant impacts on the human environment are associated with this decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Engelberger at (703) 767-0705 during normal business hours Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST) or by email: [Ann.Engelberger@dla.mil](mailto:Ann.Engelberger@dla.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SNO Program originated in June 2009 at DOD to: (1) Improve the distribution process, (2) improve surface and air delivery performance, (3) stage inventories in forward locations in anticipation of future demand, (4) optimize the distribution network and (5) generate cost savings/avoidances. In January 2012, the DoD's Joint Logistics Board (JLB) approved a course of action for Phase I to implement the SNO Program. The development of the SNO Program adheres to the intent of the JLB decision.

*Purpose and Need for Action:* The purpose of the SNO Program is to improve DLA's distribution network, including supply, distribution, disposition and transportation of materials for warfighter support. The

SNO Program is needed to reduce operating costs and maintain operational readiness.

*Proposed Action and Alternatives:* Under the Proposed Action, DLA would optimize the DoD distribution network with a reconfigured transportation network as the critical factor in reducing costs and maintaining or improving service levels to end customer.

DLA would expand the existing Forward Flow Network from two main distribution hubs (DLA Distribution San Joaquin, California and DLA Distribution Susquehanna, Pennsylvania) to three hubs by adding DLA Distribution Red River, Texas. DLA Distribution Red River is an existing DoD facility, so no new construction is required. DLA would also optimize the DoD Reverse Flow Network (disposing of excess property) by reducing the number of current customer service locations, co-locating with existing DLA distribution centers, instituting process changes and personnel restructuring.

As an alternative to the reconfigured Global Distribution Network, DLA considered taking no action. Under the no action alternative, DLA would continue the current storage, distribution, disposition and transportation networks. The no action alternative would not satisfy the project's purpose and need; however, the alternative was included in the environmental analysis to provide a baseline for comparison with the proposed action and was analyzed in accordance with Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA.

*Potential Environmental Impacts:* Potential environmental impacts of the reconfigured Global Distribution Network alternative have been assessed and compared to the impacts of the no action alternative with following impacts:

- No significant impacts to transportation resulting from the reduction in travel time from distribution hub to installation.
- Any slight increase in activity from the change in the type of distribution at the San Joaquin and Susquehanna sites would not alter existing emissions from mobile sources, resulting in no significant impacts.
- An increase in emissions from mobile sources at DLA Distribution Red River, with more daily truck trips in and out of the facility. Emissions from this increase would however be localized and would not be expected to impact national or regional emission levels or the attainment status of Bowie County, resulting in no significant impacts to air quality.