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Environmental	**All**	**Shark**	**1/1/2009**	**12/31/2011**
Environmental	**All**	**Shark**	**1/1/2009**	**12/31/2011**
Environmental	All	Tuna	1/1/2011	12/31/2013
Environmental	All	Tuna	1/1/2011	12/31/2013
Recreational	**Northeast**	**Tuna/Shark**	**1/1/2009**	**12/31/2011**
Recreational	**Mid-Atlantic**	**HMS**	**1/1/2009**	**12/31/2011**
Recreational	**Mid-Atlantic**	**Tuna**	**1/1/2009**	**12/31/2011**
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna/Shark	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Recreational	Southeast	Swordfish	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Recreational	All	HMS	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	HMS	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
Recreational	Southeast	HMS	1/1/2011	12/31/2013
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	HMS	1/1/2011	12/31/2013
Recreational	All	Billfish	1/1/2011	12/31/2013
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C. Meeting Schedule

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Dated: October 31, 2011.

Steven Thur,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA777

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 one-third (11) of the seats on the HMS AP for a 3-year appointment. Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the HMS AP.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before December 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations and requests for the Advisory Panel Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* *HMSAP.Nominations@noaa.gov.* Include in the subject line the following identifier: ''HMS AP Nominations.''
- *Mail:* Jenni Wallace, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.
- *Fax:* (301) 713–1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jenni Wallace at (301) 427–8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.,* as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104–297, provided for the establishment of Advisory Panels to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) or FMP amendment. NMFS has consulted with the HMS AP on the FMP for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (final in April 1999), Amendment 1 to

the Billfish FMP (final in April 1999), Amendment 1 to the 1999 FMP (final in November 2003), the Consolidated HMS FMP (final in July 2006), Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (June 2009, April 2008, and March 2010, respectively), and on the development of the upcoming Amendments 4, 5, and 6 to the Consolidated HMS FMP.

Procedures and Guidelines

A. Nomination Procedures for Appointments to the Advisory Panel

Nomination packages should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his/her interest in HMS or in particular species of sharks, swordfish, tunas, or billfish;
2. Contact information, including mailing address, phone, and email of the applicant or nominee;
3. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the meetings and tasks of the HMS AP; and
5. A list of outreach resources that the applicant has at his/her disposal to communicate HMS issues to various interest groups.

Tenure for the HMS AP

Member tenure will be for 3 years (36 months), with approximately one-third of the members' terms expiring on December 31 of each year. Nominations are sought for terms beginning January 2012 and expiring December 2014.

B. Participants

Nominations for the HMS AP will be accepted to allow representation from commercial and recreational fishing interests, the scientific community, and the environmental community who are knowledgeable about Atlantic HMS and/or Atlantic 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 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee Chairperson. Each HMS AP member serves a 3-year term with approximately one-third (11) of the total number of seats (33) expiring on December 31 of each year. NMFS seeks to fill 5 commercial, 3 recreational, 2 environmental, and 1 academic vacancy by December 31, 2011. NMFS will seek to fill vacancies based primarily on maintaining the current representation from each of the sectors. NMFS also considers species expertise and representation from the fishing regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean) to ensure the diversity and balance of the AP. Table 1 includes the current representation on the HMS AP by sector, region and species with terms that are expiring identified in bold. 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.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–C–2011–0054]

Discontinuing the Mass Mailing of Paper Fee Schedules to Registered Attorneys, Agents, and Deposit Account Holders

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is discontinuing the mass mailing of revised paper fee schedules to registered attorneys, agents, and deposit account holders when fees are adjusted due to enactment of legislation or fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index. Since a substantial majority of filings and fee payments are submitted on-line, and the most up-to-date fee schedule is always available and maintained on-line, the USPTO has discontinued the mass mailing of the paper fee schedules. The current fee schedule is essentially built into the on-line systems (e.g., EFS–Web, TEAS, accessible through the USPTO home page, etc.), which display the current fee amounts required at the time of submitting the payment.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 3, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Lee, Office of Finance, Receipts Accounting Division, by telephone at (571) 272–6343; or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop 16, Director of the USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO is discontinuing the mass mailing of revised paper fee schedules that have been sent to registered attorneys, agents, and deposit account holders since the early 1990s. Since 1998, the revised paper fee schedules have always indicated that the most up-to-date fee amounts and information are maintained on the USPTO Web site. This availability of the fee amounts and information renders paper fee schedules obsolete.

The purpose of the mass mailings was to provide the practitioners with advance notice of upcoming fee adjustments at a time when filings and fee payments were mainly submitted by mail. Due to the lead time needed for finalizing, bulk printing, and mass mailing of the paper fee schedules, the paper fee schedules have sometimes been mailed out weeks after the new fees are already in effect. Currently over 90 percent of patent applications are filed on-line via EFS–Web, and over 98 percent of trademark applications are filed on-line via TEAS.

The official, current USPTO fee schedule will continue to be available and maintained on the USPTO Web site at *http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp.* Additionally, those wishing to receive a paper copy of the current USPTO fee schedule can obtain this copy by calling the USPTO Contact Center at (571) 272–1000 or (800) 786–9199.

Dated: October 28, 2011.

Teresa Stanek Rea,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–P–2011–0057]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914; SURFAXIN® (Lucinactant)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Interim Patent Term Extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an Order Granting Interim Extension for a third one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272–7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273–7755, or by email to *Mary.Till@uspto.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On September 19, 2011, Discovery Laboratories Inc., on behalf of patent