

organizations expected to participate include:

*Commercial Fishermen's Organizations*

Blue Water Fishermen's Association  
National Fisheries Institute  
Southern Offshore Fishermen's Association  
Directed Shark Fishery Association  
North Carolina Commercial Fisheries Association  
New Jersey Seafood Harvesters' Association  
Northeast Atlantic Swordfish Net Association

*Recreational Groups*

National Fishing Association  
A representative from the charter/headboat industry

*Marine Conservation Group*

Ocean Wildlife Campaign

*Fishery Management Councils*

New England Fishery Management Council  
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
Caribbean Fishery Management Council

*Marine Fisheries Commissions*

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

NMFS staff and members of the academic community will also be invited to participate as needed.

The criteria used by NMFS to specify the commercial and recreational organizations included the size of the membership of fishermen or dealers/processors who target swordfish or sharks, and geographic representation. NMFS has already provided preliminary, informal notifications and requests for comments about the suggested composition of the workshops in two open letters distributed via the HMS Fax network on October 10, 1995 and November 3, 1995. There was very little response to the first open letter, but subsequently NMFS has received several additional requests to attend and participate in the first workshop. Therefore, NMFS is extending the invitation to attend the first workshop to other organizations or associations that are directly involved in the Atlantic swordfish or Atlantic shark fisheries. NMFS requests that each such organization or association limit the number of representatives to one

individual and that everyone who plans to attend the workshop should notify (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than November 30, 1995.

Format and representation in future workshops will be one of the agenda items for the first workshop.

In future workshops, if any organizations or individuals feel their views are not represented, and that other opportunities for providing comment and input are inadequate, they may attend all or a part of a workshop, provided they give NMFS at least 2 weeks notice so that an appropriate meeting room can be organized. Such organizations or individuals may attend the meeting as observers and/or may request a specific time slot to present their views.

**Objectives and Format**

The objectives of the first workshop are:

(i) *Information exchange*: What general types of limited access have previously been proposed or implemented; what are their biological, economic, social, legal and enforcement implications; what practical lessons can be learned from systems already implemented in the United States?

(ii) *Scoping of options*: Is limited access an essential part of any long-term management strategy for Atlantic swordfish and Atlantic shark fisheries; if so, what is the range of options that are relevant or viable for these fisheries?

Two other important issues that are considered beyond the scope of the workshops and will not be discussed in these workshops are the annual quotas for Atlantic swordfish and shark fisheries and allocations of annual quotas between user groups and geographic regions.

The first two workshops will include several presentations by invited speakers knowledgeable about various forms of limited access. Other speakers will be invited as the need arises. NMFS staff will also collate important background papers and summaries concerning limited access. Background documents may be provided in advance of the workshops. The workshops will use a moderated, open-discussion framework to present and discuss issues and options. At the end of each workshop, participants will discuss a preliminary agenda for the next workshop. There will be no consensus recommendation from the workshops.

NMFS staff will summarize workshop discussions as quickly as possible and disseminate them via the HMS Fax Network, and upon written or verbal request from members of the public. NMFS staff will finalize the agenda for

each upcoming workshop at least one week prior to the workshop, and disseminate it by the same means. The objectives of the workshops will not be subject to substantive change, but the format and procedures adopted to ensure orderly progress in the workshops may be modified over time.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to John Kelly at (301) 713-2347 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Richard H. Schaefer,  
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**Workshops on Limited Access for Atlantic Tunas Fisheries**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the first in a series of open workshops to discuss the possibility of future fisheries management alternatives that limit access to the various fisheries for Atlantic tunas, including bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, albacore tuna, skipjack tuna and Atlantic bonito. **DATES:** December 13, 1995, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the auditorium of the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kevin Foster, telephone: (508) 281-9260, Fax (508) 281-9340; or Sarah McLaughlin, telephone: (301) 713-2347, Fax (301) 713-0596.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS announces the first in a series of open workshops to discuss the possibility of future fisheries management alternatives that limit access to the various fisheries for Atlantic tunas, including bluefin tuna, yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, albacore tuna, skipjack tuna and Atlantic bonito. All interested parties are encouraged to attend these workshops to assist NMFS in the development of proposals for limited access management of the Atlantic tunas fisheries. The first workshop will