

ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION



Thank you for registering your Atlantic HMS fishing tournament with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Please send the completed form (also available at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms or www.nmfspermits.com) via mail to: **HMS Tournament Registration, National Marine Fisheries Service, 263 13th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL, 33701** or FAX to (727) 824-5398.

Tournament Name _____

Tournament Location _____ **Date(s):** _____
City State

Tournament Mailing Address _____
Street/P.O. Box

City State Zip

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ **FAX** (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address (if applicable) _____

Has this tournament operated in previous years? _____ (Y/N); **Most recent year** _____

What name(s) have been used for this event? _____

Please check the HMS box below for which points or prizes are awarded for either fish released or landed.

- Billfish**
- White Marlin.....
 - Blue Marlin.....
 - Sailfish.....
 - Longbill Spearfish.....

Swordfish.....

- Sharks**
- Large Coastal Sharks:
 - Ridgeback Sharks.....
 - Non-Ridgeback Sharks.....
 - Small Coastal Sharks.....
 - Pelagic Sharks.....

- Tunas**
- Bluefin Tuna.....
 - Yellowfin Tuna.....
 - Bigeye Tuna.....
 - Albacore.....
 - Skipjack Tuna.....

I authorize NMFS to release information to the public regarding tournament name, date(s), city, state, and target species.

Check if you wish to have Atlantic HMS regulation booklets and other outreach materials sent to you. Please provide the number of people you expect to distribute this information to: _____

Director/Operator Name _____

Director/Operator Signature _____ Date

(Please See Reverse Side)

This information will be used to estimate tournament fishing effort and landings of HMS for stock assessments and national statistical reports.

If available, please send a copy of the tournament brochure and rules

Thank you for helping NMFS track HMS recreational activities. For more information about HMS or for current regulations, call the following phone numbers:

- Billfish, Swordfish, and HMS Tournament Registration: 727-824-5399
- Sharks: 301-713-2347
- Tunas: 978-281-9260

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