



ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) TOURNAMENT REGISTRY

Tournament Information

Name _____
Port/City _____ State _____ Date(s) _____
Has this tournament registered before? (Y/N) _____ Most recent year _____

Operator/Director Contact Information

Name _____
Email _____
Address _____ City, state, zip _____
Phone () - FAX () -

Check all species that may be entered in the tournament:

<p>BILLFISHES</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Marlin <input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin/Roundscale <input type="checkbox"/> Spearfish (not differentiated)* <input type="checkbox"/> White Marlin* <input type="checkbox"/> Roundscale Spearfish* <input type="checkbox"/> Sailfish <input type="checkbox"/> Longbill Spearfish <input type="checkbox"/> SWORDFISH <p>* These species look very similar. If the tournament will not identify the species separately, select "not differentiated."</p>	<p>SHARKS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Large Coastal Sharks Tiger, Blacktip, Bull, Hammerheads (Great, Scalloped, Smooth), Lemon, Nurse, Spinner <input type="checkbox"/> Small Coastal Sharks Sharponose, Blacknose, Bonnethead, Finetooth <input type="checkbox"/> Pelagic Sharks Blue, Oceanic whitetip, Porbeagle, Shortfin mako, Thresher <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth Dogfish	<p>TUNAS</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Bluefin <input type="checkbox"/> Bigeye <input type="checkbox"/> Albacore <input type="checkbox"/> Yellowfin <input type="checkbox"/> Skipjack <input type="checkbox"/> Blackfin** <p>OTHER FISHES**</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>** Registration is optional for these species.</p>
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The tournament would like _____ (#) Atlantic HMS regulations and species guides to distribute.

Operator/Director Signature _____ **Date** _____

Send registration confirmation number to (choose one): E-mail Mail FAX

Submit this form to (choose one):

HMSTournamentRegistry@noaa.gov • 263 13th Ave S, St Petersburg, FL 33701 • FAX (727) 824-5398

Registered tournaments are posted weekly at <http://go.usa.gov/33m39>

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/

Tournaments, Billfish, Swordfish: (727) 824-5399 • Sharks: (301) 427-8503 • Tunas: (978) 281-9260

Under Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 635.5, for all Atlantic HMS tournaments that are conducted from a port in an Atlantic coastal state, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, a tournament operator must:

- (1) **Register** at least four (4) weeks before the tournament begins. The tournament is only registered once the operator has received a **confirmation number** from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).
- (2) If selected by NMFS, operators must submit the catch and effort **report** from the tournament on an [HMS tournament summary reporting form](#), no later than seven (7) days after the conclusion of the tournament.

Thank you for helping NMFS track HMS recreational activities. The information collected through HMS tournament registration and reporting is used in stock assessments and national statistical reports.

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