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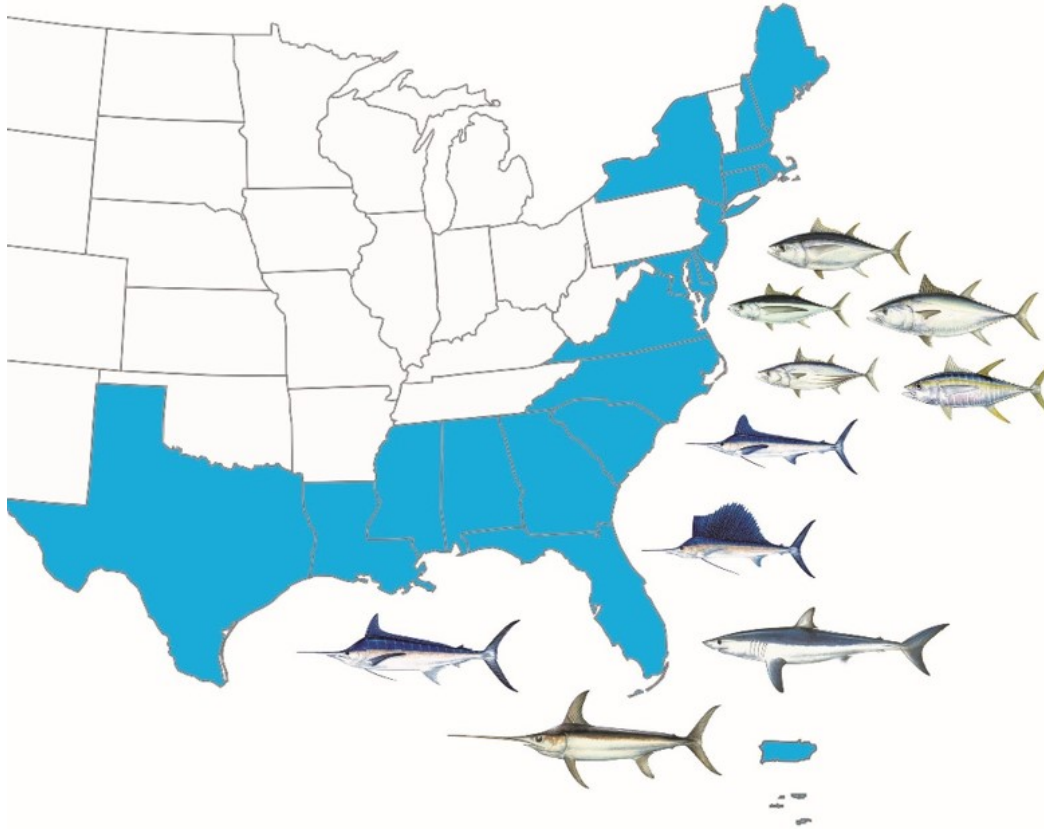
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# Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel Term Limits Plan

## HMS Advisory Panel Meeting

## September 10, 2021

# Atlantic HMS Management



- Tunas, billfishes, swordfish, and sharks
- Maine to Texas and U.S. Caribbean; U.S.-flagged vessels on the High Seas
- Management authority delegated to NMFS by Secretary of Commerce

# The Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel



Members: Commercial\*, Recreational\*, Environmental\*, Academic\*, States/Commissions, Councils, ICCAT Chair

\*Selected by NMFS

# The Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel

- Terms of selected members last 3 years
- Annual nomination process
- Approximately 1/3 of selected member terms expire each year
- Currently no term limits

Number of Members	
Commercial	12
Recreational	12
Academic	4
Environmental	4

# Rationale for AP Term Limits

- Increase opportunities for new members
- Similar to processes used by regional fishery management councils and other NMFS-associated bodies



- Currently, half of AP members are on their third term or greater

# Plan for Implementing AP Term Limits

- Will begin during the nomination process for terms expiring in 2022
- AP members who have served 3 consecutive terms, and whose term is expiring, will not be eligible for re-nomination at that time
- AP term limits **will not** apply to the IAC Chair, state, council, or commission representatives



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# Once an AP Member reaches a term limit can they ever be back on the AP?

# Yes

Members that reach a term limit must wait 1-year before being eligible for re-nomination to the AP

# Implementation of AP Term Limits

11 of the 32 standing AP members will term limit off of the AP by the end of 2023

Sector	AP Slots	Members Serving 3 or More Terms	Term Limiting in 2022	Term Limiting in 2023
Commercial	12	4	2	2
Recreational	12	4	3	1
Academic	4	1	0	1
Environmental	4	2	1	1
Total	32	11	6	5





# Questions??

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