

obtaining a Federal commercial shark permit and an EFP is not required.

Carolina Sharks, in Georgetown, SC, intends to collect an unspecified number of large coastal sharks, including bull, sandbar, blacktip, and nurse sharks, as well as an unspecified number of sand tiger sharks for public display. The applicant intends to collect specimens by using hand rod and reels, longlines no greater than 2.4 kilometers, anchor hooks, and gillnets of unspecified length with 10–33 centimeter stretch mesh. Fishing will occur from February through October in Federal waters off New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, as well as in the Chesapeake Bay. Issuance of an EFP is necessary, according to the applicant, because the commercial season for large coastal sharks is closed for long periods of time and because possession of sand tiger sharks is prohibited.

The proposed collections for public display involve activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for Sharks of the Atlantic Ocean. The applicants require authorization to fish for and to possess large coastal sharks outside the Federal commercial seasons and to fish for and to possess prohibited species.

Based on a preliminary review, NMFS finds that these applications warrant further consideration. A final decision on issuance of EFPs will depend on the submission of all required information and on NMFS' review of public comments received on the applications, conclusions of any environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and any consultations with any appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, or Federal agencies.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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**Bruce Morehead,**

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

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Adjudicatory Matters.

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**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Adjudicatory Matters.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Adjudicatory Matters.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 23, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Adjudicatory Matters.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 6, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance

Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 27, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance

Matters.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 20, 1998.