In October 2009, Hayes et al. (2009) published in the North American Journal of Fisheries Management a stock assessment of the Atlantic population of scalloped hammerhead sharks in U.S. waters. Based on this paper, in 2005, the population was estimated to be at 45 percent of the biomass that would produce the maximum sustainable yield (MSY), and fishing mortality was estimated to be 129 percent of fishing mortality associated with MSY. The stock is estimated to be depleted by approximately 83 percent of virgin stock size (i.e., the current population is only 17 percent of the virgin stock size). In addition, it was estimated that a total allowable catch (TAC) of 2,853 scalloped hammerhead sharks per year (or 69 percent of 2005 catch) would allow a 70 percent probability of rebuilding within 10 years. NMFS has reviewed this paper and concluded that: the assessment is complete; the assessment is an improvement over a 2008 aggregated species assessment for hammerhead sharks; and the assessment is appropriate for U.S. management decisions.

Based on the results of this paper, NMFS is making the determination that scalloped hammerhead sharks are overfished and experiencing overfishing. Pending the results of the ongoing sandbar, dusky, and blacknose shark stock assessments, NMFS will publish a Notice of Intent regarding the development of a fishery management plan amendment and implementing regulations to end overfishing and rebuild the scalloped hammerhead shark stock within two years as mandated under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. In addition, for fisheries experiencing overfishing, NMFS must propose and adopt effective ACLs and AMs to end overfishing.

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Upgrade Program account. NTIA will process applications received by the first business day of each month and will provide information monthly on the Upgrade Program Internet site regarding the amount of remaining funds available. In order to ensure that NTIA and the Grants Office complete processing of applications and issuing awards by September 30, 2012, NTIA must receive final Upgrade Program applications no later than 5 p.m., Eastern Time, July 2, 2012. If NTIA or the Grants Office determines that an application submitted for the July 2, 2012, last Closing Date requires additional information, the applicant must provide the requested information within ten business days or NTIA will discontinue processing the application.

NTIA also announces that it will use population data from the newly available 2010 U.S. Census for applications received after July 1, 2011, in determining whether an application meets the statutory requirement to “upgrade low-power television stations from analog to digital in eligible rural communities.” Applications submitted up to and including July 1, 2011, can continue to use the population reported in the 2000 Census to determine station eligibility.

After July 1, 2011, population figures from the 2000 Census will continue to be available on the Upgrade Program Web site, http://www.ntia.doc.gov/lptv/Application/, and may be used as a preliminary guide to determine eligibility. Almost all stations showing an NTIA-calculated population of significantly less than 20,000 using 2000 Census data should continue to be eligible for the Upgrade Program. NTIA will post 2010 Census population figures for any facility that requests such information. Potential applicants may e-mail a request, which must include the FCC Facility ID number, to: ldyer@ntia.doc.gov. For applications submitted after July 1, 2011, applicants may also use the other methods of determining eligibility discussed in the Upgrade Program NOFA so long as those methods rely on 2010 Census data.

Upgrade Program staff remain available to assist potential applicants in complying with program requirements. All Upgrade Program instructions and forms remain available on the NTIA Internet site at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/lptv.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on spectrum management policy matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 25, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Standard Time.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 6029, Washington, DC 20230. Public comments may be mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230, or e-mailed to spectrumadvisory@ntia.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce M. Washington, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482–6415, or BWashington@ntia.doc.gov and/or visit NTIA’s Web site at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/advisory/spectrum.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management in order to: License radio frequencies in a way that maximizes their public benefits; keep wireless networks open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans (see charter at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/advisory/spectrum/csmac_charter.html). This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/advisory/spectrum.

Matters To Be Considered: The Committee will discuss its work plan for the next two-year period including advice regarding accomplishment of the President’s ten-year goal to identify 500 megahertz for wireless broadband. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, http://www.ntia.doc.gov, prior to the meeting. There also will be an opportunity for public comment at the meeting.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on May 25, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. The times and the agenda topics are subject to change. The meeting may be webcast or made available via audio link. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site, http://www.ntia.doc.gov, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 6029, Washington, DC 20230. The meeting will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Mr. Washington, at (202) 482–6415 or BWashington@ntia.doc.gov, at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

Status: Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of this meeting must send them to NTIA’s Washington, DC office at the above-listed address and must be received by close of business on May 18, 2011, to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after May 18, 2011, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) in HTML, ASCII, Word or WordPerfect format (please specify version). CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. Alternatively, comments may be submitted electronically to