

The Large Pelagics Research Center 2008 Seminar Series is named in honor of Nelson "Hammer" Beideman. This series pays tribute to a successful fisherman, an insightful friend and colleague, and a great advocate of fisheries research and conservation. As a swordfish boat captain and co-founder and Executive Director of Blue Water Fishermen's Association, Nelson helped initiate some of the most effective collaborative research projects between commercial fishermen, NOAA scientists and conservation organizations. He was highly successful in promoting efforts to reduce sea turtle interactions with pelagic longline fleets. A true friend of science, in 2001 Nelson was among a core group of industry leaders who called for the creation of the Large Pelagics Research Center so that gaps in knowledge of Atlantic tunas, sharks, billfish and sea turtles could be filled. To learn more about Nelson and his work visit <http://nelson-beideman.memory-of.com/>.

### **Speakers:**

#### **Dr. John Graves · April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Fisheries Science, Virginia Institute of Marine Science

*Life after catch? Determining the fate of Atlantic billfishes released from commercial and recreational fisheries.*

#### **Jim Franks · April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, University of Southern Mississippi

*Life history aspects and habitats of large pelagic fishes in the northcentral Gulf of Mexico*

#### **Dr. John Neilson · May 6<sup>th</sup>**

St. Andrews Biological Station, Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans

*Swordfish satellite tagging studies off eastern North America: movements, migrations and population structure.*

#### **Dr. Lisa Natanson · May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Narragansett Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service

*NMFS Apex Predators Program: An Overview of Large Pelagic Shark Research in the North Atlantic*

Seminars will be held on **Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**

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