



NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
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Office of the Director

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NOAA OLE
- 29 yrs. – Conservation
Law Enforcement
- Florida FWCC
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Northeast Enforcement Division

- Bluefin Tuna – Exceed Catch Limit
- Unauthorized Gear

Exceeded Catch Limit for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna



- July 2011: Fisherman Exceeded Catch Limit for HMS – BFT (4)
- Summary Settlement Issued \$400.00
- NOAA OLE Newport News, VA Office – JEA Program.

Unauthorized Gear

- EO Patrols with MEP and NH Fish and Game.
- Follow-up to complaints concerning ABT fishing vessels possessing nets while fishing for tuna.
- 4 Trawl Vessels – Targeting ABT & Possessed Nets on Stern Reel
- 4 Written Warnings Issued

Southeast Enforcement Division



- 2 Investigations
- 50 CFR 635.71(a)(2)
- Fish for, catch, possess, retain or land Atlantic HMS w/o the appropriate valid vessel permit.

HMS Permitting Violations



- Shrimp Fishing Vessel boarded by USCG; found to be in possession of HMS and Reef Fish; referred to GCEL
- Recreational Fishing Vessel boarded by USCG; in possession of Tuna w/o HMS Angling Permit; WW issued by USCG.

Questions?

