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I. PERMITS

ATLANTIC TUNAS
Atlantic tuna dealers must obtain a Federal Atlantic Tunas Dealer permit in order to receive, purchase, trade for, or barter for Atlantic bluefin, bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack tunas from a vessel. Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permits are available from the NMFS Northeast Regional Office at http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/forms.html or by calling (978) 281-9370, and are valid for one year.
ATLANTIC SHARKS
The Federal Atlantic Shark Dealer permit is required for any entity, person, or company that is the “first receiver” of any Atlantic shark or part of an Atlantic shark. A first receiver, as defined in 50 CFR 635.2, is any entity, person, or company that takes, for commercial purposes (other than solely for transport), immediate possession of the fish, or any part of the fish, as the fish are offloaded from a fishing vessel of the United States, as defined under 50 CFR 600.10, whose owner or operator has been issued, or should have been issued, a valid permit under this part. Atlantic shark dealer permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326, and are valid for one year.
ATLANTIC SWORDFISH
Atlantic swordfish dealers must obtain a Federal Atlantic Swordfish Dealer permit in order to receive, purchase, trade for, or barter for Atlantic swordfish from a vessel. Atlantic swordfish dealer permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326, and are valid for one year.
ATLANTIC BILLFISH
Atlantic billfish, including blue and white marlin, sailfish, and spearfish may not be sold, traded, or bartered anywhere in the United States.
INTERNATIONAL TRADE PERMIT
The HMS International Trade permit (ITP) is required for importers, exporters, and re-exporters of Atlantic bluefin tuna, Southern bluefin tuna, Pacific bluefin tuna, frozen bigeye tuna, swordfish, and shark fins. International Trade Permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326, and are valid for one year.

Please see 50 CFR part 635 for the current HMS regulations, as regulations are subject to change. October 2008