

emailing BFTReporting@noaa.gov or calling (978) 281-9260. Landing reports must be submitted via fax to (978) 281-9393 and must be received by NMFS no later than 24 hours after a dealer receives a bluefin tuna. Landing reports must indicate both the permit number and name of the vessel that landed the bluefin tuna and be signed by the vessel operator/owner.

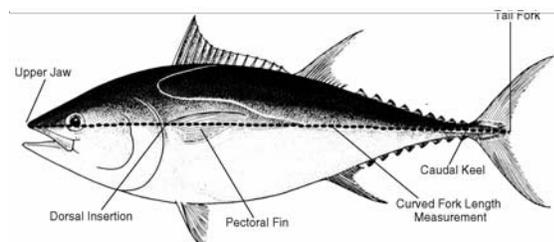
NMFS will issue numbered dealer tags to each permitted Atlantic tuna dealer. One of these tags must be affixed to each bluefin tuna immediately after offloading. Tags must be attached the bluefin tuna between the fifth dorsal finlet and the caudal keel, and must remain on the bluefin tuna until the fish is cut into portions.

Bluefin tuna – import, export, and re-export

See Section VI – Importing, Exporting, and Re-Exporting HMS

RESTRICTIONS

Dealers may only receive Atlantic bluefin tuna ≥ 73 " curved fork length (CFL, see below) from permitted U.S. vessels fishing in the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, or Caribbean Sea. Dealers must keep copies of all reports for a period of two years from the date that the report was required to be received by NMFS.



Curved Fork Length (CFL)

III. SHARKS

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Bi-weekly reports must be completed by all federally permitted dealers that receive Atlantic sharks. Reporting forms are distributed to Atlantic shark dealers following the receipt of their permits. For information on additional reporting forms, see below.

Bi-weekly reports for any Atlantic sharks that are received by a permitted Atlantic shark dealer between the 1st and 15th of each month must be completed and received by the appropriate NMFS office by the 25th of that month. Bi-weekly reports for sharks received between the 16th and the last day of each month must be completed and received by the appropriate NMFS office by the 10th day of the following month. **Please note that a checkbox has been added to the dealer reports which require dealers to indicate whether sharks were landed with their fins naturally attached through landing and offloading.** Shark dealers **must** report carcass weights and fin weights separately on the dealer reporting form. **NOTE:** If no sharks were received during a reporting period, dealers must still submit a report stating no shark species were received for that period (*i.e.*, “no fish” requirement).

Dealers must keep copies of all reports for a period of two years from the date that the report was required to be received by NMFS.

As of January 1, 2009, Atlantic states (Maine through Florida) will require all state dealers to obtain a Federal Shark Dealer permit per the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Shark Plan. For more information on the ASMFC Shark Plan, visit www.asmfc.org or call (202) 289-6400.

Southeast region

Dealers located in the Southeast Region (North Carolina through Texas, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) must fax (305) 361-4460, electronically send (Heather.Balchowsky@noaa.gov), or mail completed reports to NMFS at the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Dr. Miami, FL 33149, or in the pre-addressed envelopes included with reporting supplies.

Additional reporting forms for the dealers in the Southeast Region can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/flsformsdownload.jsp> under “Dealer Logbook Forms” and selecting “HMS_Dealer.pdf” (bottom of the page) or by contacting the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center at (305) 361-4581.

Northeast region

Dealers located in the Northeast Region (Virginia through Maine) may utilize several methods to submit their information. Dealers that have another Federal permit issued by the Northeast Regional Office (NERO), and are required to report electronically, must also report all landed fish through any of the approved electronic reporting methods (to NERO or SAFIS). Atlantic shark dealers that do not also have a NERO dealer permit must submit a bi-weekly report to their local port office.

Additional reporting forms for dealers in the Northeast Region can be obtained by contacting their local port office or by email to: reporting.ne@noaa.gov.

RESTRICTIONS

Federal shark dealers cannot receive the following prohibited shark species from any federally-permitted vessel.

Atlantic angel	Basking
Bigeye sand tiger	Bigeye sixgill
Bigeye thresher	Bignose
Caribbean reef	Caribbean sharpnose
Dusky	Galapagos
Longfin mako	Narrowtooth
Night	Sandbar*
Sand tiger	Sevengill
Sixgill	Smalltail
Whale	White

* Sandbar sharks are prohibited, with the exception of vessels participating in the shark research fishery while carrying a NMFS-approved observer (see below).

Sandbar sharks

The **only** federally permitted vessels that are authorized to possess sandbar sharks are those vessels with a valid shark research fishery permit that also had a NMFS-approved observer onboard during the trip when sandbar sharks were landed. Dealers **must** verify that the product they are purchasing came from a vessel that has the shark research fishery permit and that the vessel carried an observer during that particular trip. **If the vessel did not carry an observer during that trip, any sandbar sharks taken are illegal and may not be received even if the vessel has a valid shark research fishery permit.** Vessels that possess only a state permit and **do not** have a Federal directed or incidental shark permit and were fishing in accordance with state regulations may also be authorized to possess sandbar sharks, depending on the state.

Non-sandbar LCS

Federally permitted dealers can only buy 33 non-sandbar LCS sharks per vessel per trip from fishermen with a federal directed shark limited access permit and 3 non-sandbar LCS per vessel per trip from a fishermen with federal incidental shark limited access permit **if** their facility is located in a region that is open. Federally permitted dealers who also possess the appropriate state dealer permits can buy non-sandbar LCS sharks from fishermen who do not have a Federal shark limited access permit **if** the fishermen fish exclusively in state waters and are following state regulations. **NOTE:** As of January 1, 2009, Atlantic states (Maine through Florida) will mirror federal shark regulations per the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Shark Plan. Visit www.asmfc.org or call (202) 289-6400 for more information.

Shark Fins - import, export, and re-export

See Section VI Importing, Exporting, and Re-Exporting HMS

WORKSHOPS

Federal Atlantic shark dealers or a proxy for each location that first receives sharks must attend an **Atlantic Shark Identification workshop** in order to obtain or renew their shark dealer permit. The objective of these workshops is to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form, and to increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer reported information, quota monitoring, and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders, or their proxies, to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Shark dealer proxies are persons employed at a location that first receives sharks under a shark dealer permit. This proxy must be the primary participant in identification, weighing, and/or first receiver of fish as they are offloaded from the vessel. The proxy must also be involved in completing dealer reports. If a dealer opts to send a proxy to the workshop, the dealer must designate at least one proxy from each place of business listed on the dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks.

Atlantic Shark Identification workshops are scheduled quarterly and occur throughout the Atlantic and Gulf coast. More information on workshop locations and dates can be found on the workshops page of the HMS Management Division's webpage at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>. To pre-register for the shark identification workshops, please call Eric Sander at (386) 852-8588 and fax a completed pre-registration form to Eric Sander at (386) 756-1756, attached in an email to esander@peoplepc.com, or bring the completed form with you to the workshop.