

II. TUNAS

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Bi-weekly reports must be completed by all dealers that receive Atlantic bluefin, bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack tuna. Bi-weekly report forms are distributed to dealers along with, or shortly after receiving, their permits. Bluefin tuna biweekly reports may be obtained at the following website: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Linkpages/reporting_forms.htm (scroll down to “Dealers”), or by emailing BFTReporting@noaa.gov. For information on additional reporting forms for bigeye, albacore, yellowfin and skipjack (BAYS) tunas, see below.

Bi-weekly reports for any Atlantic tunas that are received by a permitted Atlantic tunas 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 tunas 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. **NOTE:** If no BAYS tunas were received during a reporting period, dealers must still submit a report stating none of these tuna species were received for that period (*i.e.*, “no fish” requirement). This “no fish” requirement does **not** apply to bluefin tuna dealers.

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.

BAYS tuna – 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.

BAYS tuna – 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 tunas 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.

Bluefin tuna – Landings reports and tags

In addition to biweekly reports, Atlantic tuna dealers must submit a daily landing report to NMFS for each bluefin tuna that is received from a U.S. vessel authorized to harvest Atlantic tunas. Daily landing reports can be obtained from the Northeast Regional Office (NERO) by

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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.

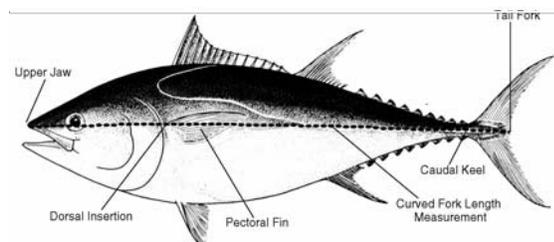
NMFS will issue numbered dealer tags to each permitted Atlantic tuna dealer. One of these tags must be affixed to each bluefin tuna immediately after offloading. Tags must be attached the bluefin tuna between the fifth dorsal finlet and the caudal keel, and must remain on the bluefin tuna until the fish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