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User Manual and Compliance Guide for the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation System (eBCD System)

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1. Introduction

Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) including tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish are managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce, with consideration for the domestic and international aspects of these fisheries.

NMFS has recently amended fisheries regulations for international trade of Atlantic bluefin tuna to implement the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) electronic bluefin tuna catch documentation system (eBCD system). HMS international trade permit (ITP) holders who import, export, or re-export Atlantic bluefin tuna will be required to complete all relevant trade documentation in the eBCD system. This guide walks HMS ITP holders through setting up an account in the eBCD system and completing the required electronic bluefin tuna catch documents (eBCDs).

This guide is intended to provide a plain-language summary of how to comply with the new regulations and is produced in compliance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the official and complete set of regulations, please see 50 CFR Part 300 and other relevant parts of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the *Federal Register* (FR) (electronic versions of both the CFR and FR are available at www.gpo.gov/fdsys). Since fishery rules frequently change, fishermen must familiarize themselves with the latest regulatory updates and are responsible for complying with the current official regulations. If there is a discrepancy between the regulations in 50 CFR Part 300 or other applicable CFR parts and the information in this guide, the regulations will take precedence. This guide supplements applicable sections of the HMS Compliance Guides published in January 2016, until an update of the Compliance Guides with eBCD system information is published.

All measures included in the final rule implementing the eBCD system are effective **May 1, 2016**.

For further information on regulatory requirements, please contact the NMFS HMS Management Division at (301) 427-8503 or visit the HMS website at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms.

For questions on use of the eBCD system, please contact customer service at (301) 427-8589 or nmfs.ebcd@noaa.gov, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, Eastern Time, 7 days a week.

This manual displays a test account for user “Jack Crevalle,” an Operator at “ABC Fish Company” and a Western Atlantic bluefin tuna importer and exporter.

Disclaimer: Screenshots contained in this document are subject to change. Revisions to this document will be periodically made and posted on the HMS website.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON VALIDATION: eBCDs documenting tagged bluefin tuna are exempt from validation requirements. If you inadvertently select “send for validation” you will lose that exemption and you will have to wait for the government authority to validate the eBCD. Please take care not to send eBCDs with tagged bluefin tuna for validation.

2. List of Commonly Used Acronyms

BCD: bluefin tuna catch document

BFTRC: bluefin tuna re-export certificate

CPC: ICCAT Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities

eBCD: electronic bluefin tuna catch document

eBCD system: electronic bluefin tuna catch documentation system

HMS: highly migratory species

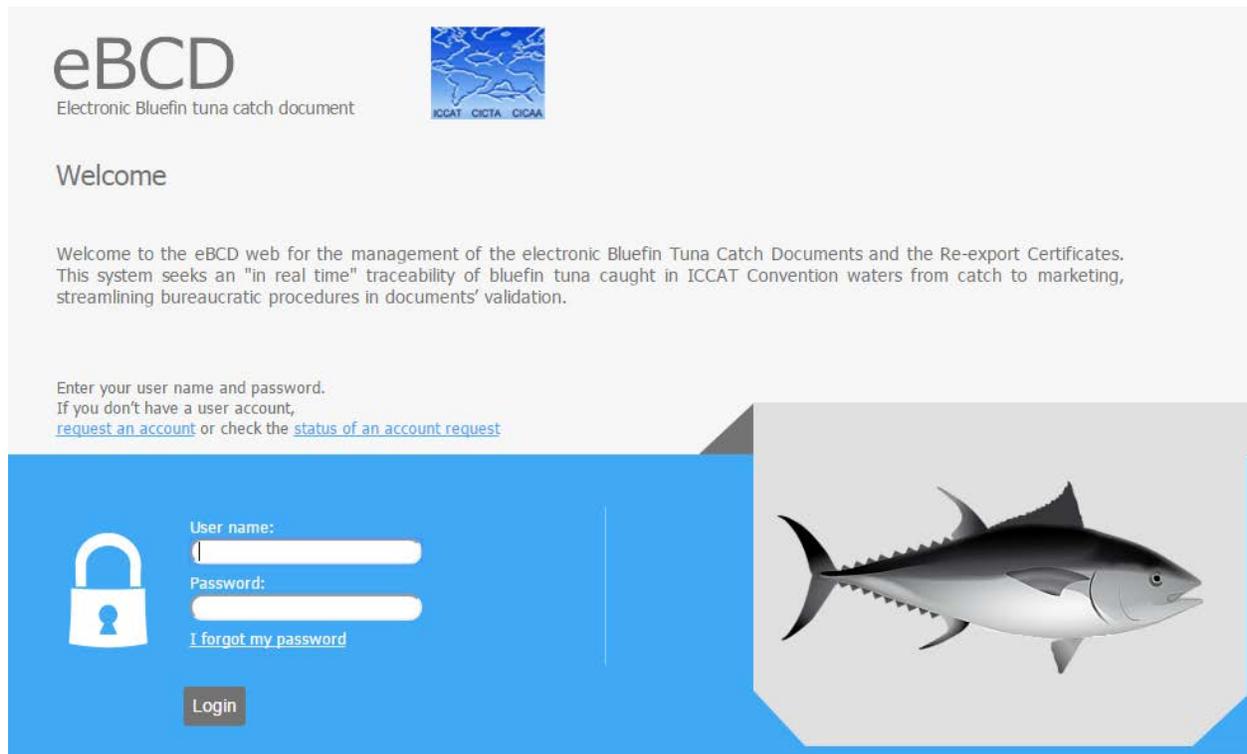
ICCAT: International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

ITP: international trade permit

NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service

WBFT: Western Atlantic bluefin tuna

3. Welcome to the eBCD System



eBCD
Electronic Bluefin tuna catch document

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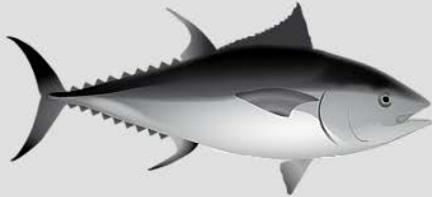
Welcome

Welcome to the eBCD web for the management of the electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documents and the Re-export Certificates. This system seeks an "in real time" traceability of bluefin tuna caught in ICCAT Convention waters from catch to marketing, streamlining bureaucratic procedures in documents' validation.

Enter your user name and password.
If you don't have a user account,
[request an account](#) or check the [status of an account request](#)

User name:
Password:
[I forgot my password](#)

Login



The eBCD system website can be found at <https://etuna.iccat.int>.

NMFS will assist you with the setup of user accounts for HMS ITP holders who trade Atlantic bluefin tuna. Your company is listed in the system with the contact information and email address you provided to us in 2015. Some of you may have already provided information for user accounts and those will be activated before May 1, 2016. If you have not received a user name and/or password, you can request an account online through the eBCD system website (see Request a User Account) or contact customer service at (301) 427-8589 or nmfs.ebcd@noaa.gov.

Once you have your user name and password, you can log in to your account from the main page. You will enter the eBCD system on the below home page.

Frequent operations

Below you will find links to the most usual operations.

