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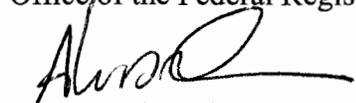
NMFS EXTENDS THREE-FISH GENERAL CATEGORY ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA DAILY RETENTION LIMIT THROUGH NOVEMBER AND WAIVES NOVEMBER RESTRICTED FISHING DAYS

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) adjusts the daily Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) retention limit for vessels fishing under the General category quota for the 2006 fishing year as described below. *All retention limits are per vessel per day/trip.* This action is being taken to enhance commercial General category BFT fishing opportunities for all geographic areas.

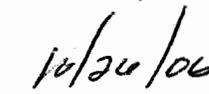
Quota Category	Effective Dates	Areas	BFT Size Class Limit
GENERAL	October 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006, inclusive	All	Three BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) curved fork length (CFL) or larger
	November 1, 2006, through November 30, 2006, inclusive	All	Three BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) CFL or larger
	December 1, 2006, through January 31, 2007, inclusive	All	One BFT per vessel per day/trip, measuring 73 inches (185 cm) CFL or larger

Note: All previously scheduled Restricted Fishing Days (RFDs) scheduled for the month of November have been waived. On December 1, 2006, the retention limit will be one BFT per vessel. Scheduled RFDs for the months of December and January remain as published in the final initial 2006 BFT quota specifications. However, NMFS may determine that additional actions are necessary to ensure available quota is not exceeded or to enhance scientific data collection from, and fishing opportunities in, all geographic areas. Subsequent adjustments to the daily retention limits, if any, will be announced through publication in the Federal Register. In addition, permit holders may visit our website, www.hmspermits.gov or call the Atlantic Tunas Information Line at (888) 872-8862 or (978) 281-9260 for updates on quota monitoring and retention limit adjustments.

This notice is a courtesy to BFT fishery permit holders to help keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Brad McHale, 978-281-9260.



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