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REMINDER

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna School Fishery to Close September 14, 2006

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reminds Highly Migratory Species Angling Permit holders that the final school bluefin tuna fishery for the 2006 fishing year will end at 11:59 p.m. on September 14, 2006. After that time, retention of school size bluefin tuna, measuring 27" up to 47," will be prohibited.

As indicated below, the daily retention limit of two fish per vessel will continue to be available throughout the rest of the 2006 fishing year, which ends May 31, 2007.

Effective Dates	Area	BFT Size Category	Retention Limit (Per vessel)
Angling Category			
June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007	**All**	**47" up to 73"**	**2**
July 1 – 21, 2006	**South***	**27" up to 47"**	**1**
August 25 - September 14, 2006	**North***	**27" up to 47"**	**1**

*The north/south boundary occurs at 39°18' North latitude, or approximately Great Egg Inlet, NJ

This notice is a courtesy to BFT fishery participants 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 the HMS Management Division at (978) 281-9260.

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