



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
 Silver Spring, MD 20910

## National Marine Fisheries Service Announces the Availability of 2009 Vessel Permits for Atlantic Tunas and Atlantic HMS

This notice outlines the procedure for obtaining a 2009 Atlantic Tunas Permit, which allows you to commercially fish for and/or retain Atlantic bluefin, yellowfin, skipjack, albacore, and bigeye tunas; an Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling Permit, which allows you to recreationally fish for and/or retain any regulated Atlantic HMS (Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, or billfish); or an HMS Charter/Headboat Permit, which is required by vessels taking fee paying passengers fishing for or retaining HMS.

The permits issued for the 2009 season will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2009. The permit fee is \$16.00, payable by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) or check/money order.

Renew by:	How:	Receive permit by:
Internet	Go to <a href="http://www.hmspermits.gov">www.hmspermits.gov</a>	Print your permit off the website, fax, Priority Mail, or regular mail
Telephone	Dial (888) 872-8862 (toll-free)	Fax, Priority Mail, or regular mail*
Mail	Request renewal package by calling (888) 872-8862 or print the forms available at <a href="http://www.hmspermits.gov">www.hmspermits.gov</a>	Fax, Priority Mail, or regular mail *

\* As an alternative, you may print your permit off the website once it has been processed (about 3 business days after your phone renewal or your complete application, including payment, has been received)

You will need your Atlantic tunas or your Atlantic HMS permit number to renew your permit. If your permit number from last year is not available, you may look it up at [www.hmspermits.gov](http://www.hmspermits.gov) using your last name, phone number, and zip code, or a Customer Service representative may assist at the number below. Please check your current permit information carefully prior to renewing your permit.

**Please Note: Changes to you permit category may be made under the following circumstances:**

- a) When you renew the permit for the upcoming season;
- b) Within 10-calendar days from the permits' date of issuance, to correct any errors in permit category.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic HMS fishery interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such a notice with the Office of the Federal Register. If you have questions regarding the permit process, our Customer Service representatives are available at (888) 872-8862, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

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