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NMFS Extends Comment Period for the Proposed Rule to Adjust Atlantic Bluefin Tuna General and Harpoon Category Regulations

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the extension of the comment period for the proposed rule to amend the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) General and Harpoon category regulations. The **comment period is being extended from December 21, 2009, to March 31, 2010**, to receive additional comment from the public and other interested parties.

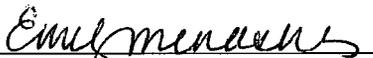
Please go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breaking_news.htm to view the proposed rule and supporting documents. You may submit comments (identified by "0648-AV58") by any one of the following methods:

- Submit electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Fax: 978-281-9340, Attn: Sarah McLaughlin
- Mail: Sarah McLaughlin, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

This notice is a courtesy to BFT fishery participants to help keep you informed about the 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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