



COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of April 30, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 04/30/2012.

Category	Sub Category	Current Year 2012				Previous Year 2011		
		Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota_Proposed (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		291	281.2	37.1	435.1	77	225.2	7.9
	Handline							
	Harpoon							
	Rod and Reel	291	281.2	37.1		77	225.2	7.9
Harpoon					36.0			
Longline		278	460.4	58.1	86.1	119	431.4	23.3
	NED				25.0			
	North	109	351.1	17.4	24.4	31	323.9	4.6
	South	169	530.9	40.7	36.7	88	469.3	18.7
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine					171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					70.5			
Total:		569	368.3	95.2	800.4	196	350.4	31.2

NOTE

- This report SHOULD NOT be considered useful for real time catch monitoring purposes. It only includes landings reported to NMFS to date.
- These numbers are considered preliminary and are subject to change.
- The proposed 2012 Bluefin Tuna Specifications (77 FR 15712, March 16, 2012) would adjust the 2012 quota and subquotas to account for 2011 underharvest and to address anticipated 2012 dead discards.
- NMFS closed the southern area Angling category trophy fishery on April 7, 2012 (77 FR 21015, April 9, 2012) and the incidental Longline category southern area fishery on May 29, 2012 (77 FR 31546).

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fishery interests to 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. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/hmsdocument_files/Tuna.htm or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.


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