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REMINDER: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Cards Must be Submitted to NMFS within 24 Hours of Landing

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reminds Atlantic tunas dealer permit holders to comply with mandatory Atlantic bluefin tuna landings reporting requirements. In particular, bluefin tuna landings reports must be submitted to NMFS, on a form available from NMFS, within 24 hours of receiving an Atlantic bluefin tuna. The forms available from NMFS are NMFS-issued Dealer Logbooks that include instructions for dealers to immediately FAX landing reports to 978-281-9393.

NMFS notes that recently some landing reports have been incomplete and/or submitted after the 24 hour time limit. NMFS regulations at 50 CFR 635.5(b)(2)(A) require a dealer to submit a completed landing report for each bluefin tuna received from a U.S. fishing vessel not later than 24 hours of receipt of the bluefin tuna. Timely reporting and receipt of bluefin tuna landings data is necessary for accurate monitoring and to ensure that quotas are not exceeded. NMFS reminds dealers that delinquent landings reports may result in administrative and/or enforcement action as necessary to ensure timely receipt of bluefin tuna landings data. NMFS appreciates the cooperation of those dealers whose reports are timely and accurate.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery participants. Dealer reporting and other requirements that apply to the bluefin tuna fishery can be found online in the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR) at www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr.

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