



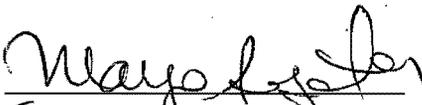
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Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Recreational Non-Tournament Swordfish and Billfish Catch Reporting Line

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces that its HMS Information Line will, from this point forward, be used only as a recreational non-tournament swordfish and billfish catch reporting line. Fisherman should continue to call (800)-894-5528 to report swordfish and billfish information, as required. This toll-free number will no longer be a source of HMS fishery updates and information. The most up-to-date information on HMS fisheries can be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breakingnews/index.htm>.

NMFS also maintains an internet-based reporting system for recreational non-tournament landings of North Atlantic swordfish and billfish at <http://www.hmspermits.gov>. All recreational non-tournament landings of swordfish and billfish, including those landed on a charter or headboat, must be reported. Recreational non-tournament landings must be reported by the permitted owner of the vessel landing the fish, or their designee. Swordfish and billfish must be reported via the internet or the reporting line within 24 hours of the end of your fishing trip. If you have additional questions about reporting your swordfish or billfish information, please call (727) 824-5399.

Thank you for your interest in HMS management and fisheries.


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