



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

COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of May 31, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 05/31/2012.

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		334	473.5	71.8	86.1	156	458	32.4
	NED				25.0			
	North	125	369.5	21.0	24.4	36	348.0	5.7
	South	209	535.7	50.8	36.7	120	491.0	26.7
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine					171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					70.5			
Total:		625	383.4	108.9	800.4	233	381.1	40.3

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). The incidental Longline category northern area fishery will close on June 30, 2012 (77 FR 38011, June 26, 2012).

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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