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Certificate of Eligibility for Billfish

1. Information from fishing vessel which caught billfishes:

Name of Fishing Vessel _____ Homeport _____

Port of Offloading _____ Date of Offloading _____

2. Dealer's/Processor's Declaration

The undersigned hereby certifies that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and that the billfishes accompanying this form were not harvested from the management units described below:

Blue Marlin and White Marlin: Waters of the entire North and South Atlantic Oceans (including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea).

Sailfish: Waters of the North and South Atlantic Oceans (including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea) west of 30°W longitude.

Longbill Spearfish: Waters of the entire North and South Atlantic Oceans (including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea).

Black Marlin, Striped Marlin, and Shortbill Spearfish: Waters of the entire North and South Atlantic Oceans (including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea).

Name (printed or typed)	Signature	Date

General Instructions: The person who first receives billfish by way of purchase, barter, or trade must provide the information requested in Sections 1 and 2 of this form. A dealer or processor who subsequently receives or possesses billfish covered by an original Certificate of Eligibility is only required to complete section 2 and must retain a copy of the certificate while possessing the billfish.

Important: This information is required by law (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., 50 CFR 635.31 (b)).

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