

069-0030 BFT Email Message

To: ron.salz@noaa.gov

From: "ron.salz@noaa.gov via surveymonkey.com"

Subject: Recreational Bluefin Tuna Survey

Body: Dear Ron Salz,

NOAA Fisheries is responsible for managing U.S. marine resources including Highly Migratory Species (HMS) such as tunas, billfish, swordfish, and sharks. Accurate catch information provided by anglers and captains is vital for fisheries management to provide quality fishing opportunities and for the long-term health of marine fish stocks. NOAA Fisheries requires HMS permit holders to report all recreationally landed Atlantic bluefin tuna. Currently, bluefin tuna landed in Massachusetts can be reported either online or by telephone. NOAA Fisheries is in the process of evaluating ways to improve the recreational bluefin tuna reporting system.

You have been selected to participate in a short survey regarding reporting recreationally landed bluefin tuna. Your name and Email address were obtained from a list of Massachusetts HMS Angling category permit holders. The purpose of this survey is to get feedback from recreational bluefin tuna anglers and captains on the current system and options for future improvements.

This voluntary survey should take you less than 5 minutes to complete. Survey responses will remain completely anonymous and will never be linked to an individual. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Questions regarding this survey should be sent to: ron.salz@noaa.gov

Please click here to start the survey:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx>

Sincerely,

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Click here if you do not wish to participate
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/optout.aspx>