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Report Your Fish

All **bluefin tuna** landings and dead discards, and **swordfish** and **billfish** (white and blue marlin, sailfish, and roundscale spearfish) landings must be reported to NOAA Fisheries within 24 hours of the vessel returning from the trip.

Permit Number: *

If you hold the following permits, you must report your catch as indicated.

Commercial: Bluefin tuna Landings & Dead Discards

- Atlantic Tunas General Permit
- Atlantic Tunas Harpoon Permit
- Combination Swordfish/Tuna Permits
- HMS Charter/Headboat Permit

Recreational: Bluefin tuna, Swordfish and Billfishes

- HMS Angling Permit
- HMS Charter/Headboat Permit
- Billfishes and swordfish caught within Florida state waters

Swordfish and billfishes landed in **registered HMS tournaments** must be

reported by the tournament operator. Check the list of registered HMS tournaments to be sure that the tournament you are participating in is registered with NOAA Fisheries.

Maryland and **North Carolina** vessel owners should report their **recreational** bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish and swordfish landings at state-operated reporting stations and not through this system.

(OMB # 0648-0328 [View PRA Statement](#))

National Marine Fisheries Service

Customer Service

Phone: 1-888-872-8862



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Trip/Catch Data

Please enter the information requested below and click Continue.

1 Enter Trip Info. 2 Confirm Trip Info. 3 Enter Landed Fish 4 Submit Final Report

Owner Information

Permit Number: 10115292

Name: ERIC MCNIFF

Phone Number: 978 2814600

Vessel Information

Vessel Number: 1115415

Vessel Name: DAUNTLESS

Trip Information

**Departure *
Date/Time:**

**"Port" of *
Departure:** sele

**Trip End *
Date/Time:**

**"Port" of *
Landing:** sele

Trip Type: * select [What's this?](#)

**Fishing
Tournament:** Yes No

Tournament

If reporting catch from a U.S. registered vessel in a Non-U.S. State or territory, please exit the website and call 1-800-894-5528. Leave your catch report in a voice message (including a call-back number) on the HMS reporting line. A NMFS employee will return your call.

Name:

Number of Fish **Released** per Trip

(**Please fill in *all releases* that apply to this trip. **Landings** will be reported on the **next page.****)

Species:	Alive	Dead
Bluefin Tuna - Less than 27 inches:		
Bluefin Tuna - 27 to less than 47 inches:		
Bluefin Tuna - 47 to less than 59 inches:		
Bluefin Tuna - 59 to less than 73 inches:		
Bluefin Tuna - 73 to less than 81 inches:		
Bluefin Tuna - 81 inches or greater:		
Blue Marlin:		
White Marlin:		
Roundscale Spearfish:		
Sailfish:		
Longbill Spearfish:		
Swordfish:		



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Species Landing

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Enter Landed Fish

Species: * select

Measurement Information

Length (inches): * select

**Tag (the 9 digits follows
'BT' starting with 05 or
90):** *

Weight: select

Fishing Information

Hooked Date: *

**Time Hooked
(Approx):** *

Hook Type: * select

**Approx Fight Time
(minutes):** *

Fishing Technique: * select

Bait: * select

If OTHER Technique:



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- 2015 Bluefin Tuna Daily Retention Limits (General, Angling); Purse Seine start date**: NMFS is adjusting the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) daily retention limits that apply to Angling, Charter/Headboat, and General category, as shown in the attachment. NMFS is maintaining the default Harpoon category BFT daily retention limit for 2015. In addition, NMFS is announcing July 6, 2015 as the start date for this year's Purse Seine category BFT.
- Amendment 7 Final Rule**: NMFS announces the final rule to implement Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP to address bluefin tuna management. Please see the attached announcement for further information.
- Approved Sea Turtle Release Equipment List**: NMFS Announces the Availability of a Revised List of Approved Equipment Models for the Careful Release of Sea Turtles Caught in Hook and Line Fisheries
- Atlantic HMS and Atlantic Tunas Permit Category Description**: Provides a brief explanation of each Atlantic HMS and Atlantic tunas permit category, including authorized gears.
- Atlantic Tunas Regulations Brochure**: Summary of fishery information and regulations for the managed Atlantic tuna fisheries.
- Atlantic bluefin tuna size classes**: A table of the bluefin size classes and associated lengths and approximate weights.
- Closure of Bluefin Tuna Angling Category Southern Trophy Fishery, April 10, 2016**: NMFS closes the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) Angling category fishery for large medium and giant "trophy" BFT (measuring 73" or greater) in the southern area

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- transferring 40 mt from the Reserve category. With this transfer, the adjusted Harpoon category quota is 73.4 mt for the 2015 fishing season (i.e., through November 15, 2015, or until the Harpoon category quota is reached, whichever comes first).**
- NMFS Transfers 80 mt of Atlantic Bluefin Tuna to General Category; 3-fish Limit**
- NMFS Transfers 80 mt from the Reserve Category and Adjusts the Daily Retention Limit to Three Fish for the Remainder of 2015**
- Paperwork Reduction Act Statements**: Paperwork Reduction Act Statements for Annual Atlantic Tunas Permitting and Mandatory Catch Reporting of Bluefin Tuna
- Reminder about Charterboat, Headboat, and Commercial Permits**: NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) wants to remind fishermen there are several federal regulations regarding fishing for dolphin and wahoo in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean (Maine through the east coast of Florida).
- Tuna Trolling and Whales**: Recent evidence show that tuna fishing lines, trolled through areas where both tuna and whales are feeding, have hooked the wrong species. The strong lines and sharp hooks, necessary for catching large tuna, can dig into blubber of these unintended targets, possibly causing harm to the whale and is a violation of federal law. All whales, dolphins and porpoises in the northeast region are federally protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and most large whales in the area are further protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Under these Acts, it is illegal to "harass, hunt, capture or kill" any marine mammal. Prohibited conduct includes any "negligent or intentional act which results in the disturbing or molesting of marine mammals." The operational procedures are located in full at: http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prtol_res/mmw/

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer for the National Marine Fisheries Service Customer Service, including the phone number 1-888-872-8862 and the hours Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm EDT. There are also links for Privacy Policy, Disclaimer Statement, and About Us.

Clicking [Paperwork Reduction Act Statements](#) opens a .doc containing the following text:

The following Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Statements supercede other PRA statements for Atlantic HMS and Atlantic tunas permitting (OMB control number 0648-0327) and mandatory catch reporting for bluefin tuna (OMB control number 0648-0328).

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: Collection of information through annual permitting serves three purposes: (1) it provides current information on the vessel owners participating in the Atlantic HMS and tuna fisheries. (2) it provides an up-to-date sampling frame that is the basis for fleet size calculations used for catch and effort estimates in fisheries that do not require mandatory reporting, thus enabling the U.S. to meet international obligations to report catch statistics for Atlantic tunas, and (3) aids NMFS in the enforcement of fishery regulations. Public reporting burden for this initial permit application of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completed & reviewing the collection of information. Permit renewals are accomplished by using an automated phone system at (888) 872-8862 or by accessing the web site at www.nmfspermits.com. Public reporting burden for renewal by telephone or web is estimated to average 6 minutes per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including

suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SF1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Providing the requested information in the permit application is mandatory for managing the Atlantic HMS and tuna fisheries in accordance with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). It is agency policy not to release confidential information, other than in aggregate form, as the Magnuson-Stevens Act protects (in perpetuity) the confidentiality of those submitting information. Summaries of permit information by category may be released. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. This is an approved information collection under OMB #0648-0327 and expires April 30, 2016.

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