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2021 North Carolina Catch Card Program for Recreational Landed Bluefin Tuna, **Swordfish**, Billfishes, and Sharks

As part of the coastal effort to improve estimates of recreational catches of Atlantic bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and **swordfish**, the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries designed a Catch Card Program to monitor these species. This program requires mandatory reporting using a catch card and tag for all bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and **swordfish** recreationally landed in North Carolina and all dead bluefin released. Sharks are voluntarily reported at this time.

- Your vessel must have a valid Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service to fish for or keep Atlantic bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and **swordfish**. A person with an HMS permit for their vessel cannot transfer the fish to another vessel without a permit.
- Anglers are required to complete a North Carolina Billfish, Shark and Tuna Catch Card and tag their catch. Catch cards and HMS tags are available from reporting stations (see below). Anglers who arrive to the dock after business hours may use the After Hours Reporting hotline (1-800-682-2632). The HMS tag must be affixed to the bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and **swordfish** prior to its removal from the vessel. Bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and **swordfish** aboard trailered vessels are required to have the tag affixed to the fish before the vessel is removed from the water.

Completing a catch card is fast. Most information can be copied from your Highly Migratory Species Permit. The catch card is perforated down the middle to provide the angler with a receipt.

REPORTING SITE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Anchorage Marina	Atlantic Beach	252-726-4423
Captain Stacy Fishing Center	Atlantic Beach	252-726-4675
Chasin Tails Outdoors	Atlantic Beach	252-240-3474
Seawater Marina	Atlantic Beach	252-726-1637
Olde Towne Yacht Club	Beaufort	252-726-3066
Town Creek Marina	Beaufort	252-728-6111
Hurricane Fishing Center	Calabash	910-579-3660
Harker's Island Fishing Center	Harker's Island	252-728-3907
Hatteras Harbor Marina	Hatteras	252-986-2166
Oden's Dock	Hatteras	252-986-2555
Teach's Lair Marina	Hatteras	252-986-2460
Holden Beach Marina	Holden Beach	910-842-5447
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center	Manteo	252-441-6301
Pirate's Cove	Manteo	252-473-3906
Shallowbag Bay Marina	Manteo	252-305-8726
Carolina Princess	Morehead City	252-726-5479
Portside Marina	Morehead City	252-726-7678
Ocean Isle Fishing Center	Ocean Isle	910-575-3474
Anchorage Marina	Ocracoke	252-928-6661
Southport Marina	Southport	910-457-9900
Outer Banks Marina	Wanchese	252-473-9991
Bridge Tender Marina	Wrightsville Beach	910-256-6550
Creekside Yacht Club	Wrightsville Beach	910-350-0023

NC Recreational Highly Migratory Species Reporting Requirements:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/hms-reporting-requirements>

Identification Information: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/find-species>