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eBCD

Electronic Bluefin tuna catch document



Welcome

Welcome to the eBCD web for the management of the electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documents and the Re-export Certificates. This system seeks an "in real time" traceability of bluefin tuna caught in ICCAT Convention waters from capture to marketing, streamlining bureaucratic procedures in documents' validation.

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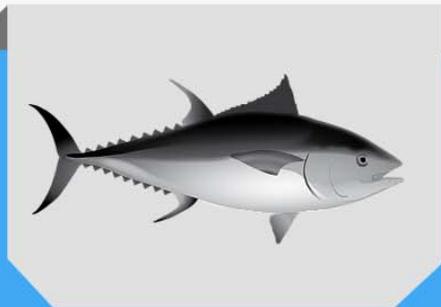


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ICCAT eBCD Working Group

Recommendations

- 10-11 Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation – Working Group
- 11-20 Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Scheme (current)
- 12-08 eBCD Implementation Schedule (revised)

Meetings

- January 2011 – define requirements/schedule
- September 2011 – feasibility study (TRAGSA)
- November 2011 – report @ ICCAT meeting
- January 2012 – refine requirements and RFP
- April 2012 – contract awarded (TRAGSA)
- November 2012 – prototype demonstration/testing @ ICCAT meeting
- January 2013 – user acceptance testing and consultation

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Implementation Schedule

April 2013 – Government users training

May 2013 – Operational system; pilot testing in parallel with paper documents; paper entered into database by Secretariat

July 2013 – remaining issues discussed at IMM WG Meeting

September 2013 – non-government user training: “train the trainers”

November 2013 – revise BCD and eBCD measures to consolidate?

March 2014 – fully operational; mandatory use

ATCA Identification of Countries

ATCA § 971d(c)(6) requires NMFS, in consultation with DOS, to :

"identify those nations whose fishing vessels are fishing, or have fished during the preceding calendar year, within the Convention area in a manner or under circumstances that diminish the effectiveness of a conservation recommendation."

- 2013 review in process
- scope of review limited to fishing activities in current and previous year
- ICCAT process (Rec 06-14) more comprehensive in scope

ATCA Identification of Countries

- US has never unilaterally identified a nation under ATCA authority
- Preference to work through ICCAT process because it is more comprehensive and is multilateral
- At its 2012 annual meeting, ICCAT identified 7 members and one non-member
- Letters of concern were sent to 25 ICCAT members about lesser infractions

Legislative Updates - International Fisheries

- S. 269, Intl Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act
 - Harmonize administrative/enforcement authorities and penalties across RFMO-implementing statutes
 - Revise procedures to identify and certify nations for engaging in IUU fishing, bycatch, and shark catch
 - enforcement tools to enhance detection of fish and fish products that were harvested or imported illegally
 - Implement Antigua Convention – IATTC
 - H.R. 69, IUU Fishing Enforcement Act
- S. 267, Pirate Fishing Elimination Act
 - Implement *FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*
 - restrict port entry and port services for vessels known or suspected of having been involved in IUU fishing

Legislative Updates - International Fisheries

- Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act
 - Congressional Hearing: March 13, 2013
 - Sam Rauch, Acting Administrator for NOAA Fisheries, testified
 - efforts to achieve sustainable fisheries and opportunities to build on successes
 - Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3 Conference: May 7-9, 2013
 - opportunity for participants to discuss the issues of concern
 - recommendations from conference could be addressed in reauthorization



MSRA Rulemaking and Identifications



Identification and Certification

- MSRA 2006 amended HSDFMPA to require identification and certification of nations with –
 - Vessels engaged in IUU fishing
 - Vessels taking PLMR as bycatch
- Decisions issued in Biennial Report to Congress
- Final Rule published 2009 articulated process
- Reports issued in January 2009, 2011

Identification and Certification

- Shark Conservation Act 2010 amended HSDFMPA to add identification and certification of nations with vessels engaged in fishing for sharks on high seas
- NMFS initiated rulemaking to add provisions for sharks and to amend IUU definition
- Final Rule published 2013 articulated process
- Report to Congress issued in January 2013

Identification and Certification

- 2009 Biennial Report –
 - 6 nations identified for IUU
- 2011 Biennial Report –
 - 6 previously identified nations certified positive
 - 6 new identifications for IUU
- 2013 Biennial Report –
 - 6 previously identified nations certified positive
 - 10 new identifications for IUU, 1 also for bycatch

International Trade Data System



ITDS and Trade Monitoring

ITDS – Government-wide system for entry/retrieval of trade data

Single window concept for both private sector (shippers, carriers, brokers) and for government agencies

Electronic filing, review and communication of admissibility decisions or holds

Electronic integration of agency specific trade monitoring programs

NMFS ITDS Integration

Rulemaking

- Consolidated Trade Permit

- Electronic Entry Filing (Message Set and DIS)

Database Development

- Self-Serve Permitting via National Permits System

- Reference files loaded into CBP ACE system

- Web Services communication of validation results

