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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS)

Individual Bluefin Quota (IBQ) System Review

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IBQ Online System – SERO Catch Shares Website

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Welcome to the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Catch Share Programs - Public Home

This page is home to the Commercial Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) programs, the Headboat Collaborative pilot (HBC) program, and the Bluefin Tuna (BFT) Individual Bycatch Quota (IBQ) program. The IFQ and HBC programs are intended to reduce the race to catch quotas by allocating individual fishermen or groups of fishermen quota that can be harvested throughout the fishing year. The BFT program is intended to limit bluefin tuna landings and discards and provide fishermen with incentives to avoid bluefin tuna interactions. Each of the programs is intended to achieve both conservation and economic goals through more efficient and more profitable harvesting and marketing practices.

Important Messages | IFQ Landings | HBC Landings | BFT Catch | About

Important Messages - Please Read Before Logging Into Your Account

- ALL When you Login, the role names have changed in the IFQ system to reflect both the role and the program. All roles are now preceded by the program name: IFQ for the Reef Fish IFQ program, HBC for the Headboat Collaborative program, and BFT for the Bluefin Tuna IBQ program.
- BFT ICCAT quotas are measured in whole weight and therefore U.S. landings need to be reported in whole weight as well. Dealers may submit the weight of bluefin landings expressed as either whole weight or dressed weight; however, most landings are submitted in dressed weight. The IBQ system converts reported dressed weights to whole weights for accounting purposes using the following formula: $1.25 \times \text{dressed weight (dw)} = \text{whole weight (ww)}$.
- ALL As of 2/18/2015, the current version of the Catch Shares Online System is 5.0.4. If you do not have this version, please close your web browser and reopen the application. Some Roles have been renamed.
- ALL NOAA Fisheries Announces the Final Rule for Amendment 7 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/news/news_list/2014/12/120114_a7_final_rule.html

Website: <https://ifq.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>

Google: "Catch Shares Online System"

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IBQ Online System – SERO Catch Shares Website

The screenshot shows the NOAA Fisheries website for SERO Catch Shares Programs. The header includes navigation links for NOAA Home, Weather, Oceans, Fisheries, Charting, Satellites, Climate, Research, Coasts, Careers, and Privacy. The main title is "NOAA FISHERIES | SERO Catch Shares Programs" with the NOAA logo and "OPERATIONAL v5.0.4" on the right. A secondary navigation bar contains "Home", "View Dealers", "View Landing Locations", "Additional Information", "Forgot PIN", and "Log In".

Below the navigation is a welcome message: "Welcome to the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Catch Share Programs - Public Home". The main content area contains introductory text about the Commercial Red Snapper and Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Super-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) programs, the Headboat Collaborative pilot (HBC) program, and the Bluefin Tuna (BFT) Individual Bycatch Quota (IBQ) program. It explains that these programs are intended to reduce the race to catch quotas by allocating individual fishing quotas to fishermen or groups of fishermen, and that the BFT program is intended to limit bluefin tuna landings and discards.

Three callout boxes with arrows pointing to specific elements are overlaid on the page:

- Additional Information: List of Shareholders, FAQs, Trouble - shooting Guides** (points to the "Additional Information" link in the secondary navigation bar)
- Forgot PIN: online password reset** (points to the "Forgot PIN" link in the secondary navigation bar)
- Log In: Log into the IBQ system** (points to the "Log In" link in the secondary navigation bar)

Below the main content is a section for "Important Messages" with tabs for "IFQ Landings" and "HBC". A list of messages is visible, including:

- ALL: When you Login, the the program name: I program.
- BFT: ICCAT quotas are me the weight of bluefin. The IBQ system conv weight (dw) = whole v
- ALL: As of 2/18/2015, the browser and reopen t
- ALL: NOAA Fisheries Annou Plan <http://www.nmfs>

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with OMB Control Nos. (0648-0551, 0648-0677, 0648-0040, 0648-0372) and their expiration dates, a warning about browser refresh/back buttons, and the NOAA Fisheries logo and name. The page number "Page 3" is also present.

IBQ Online System – SERO Catch Shares Website

BFT Catch: Quota distributed, landings, dead discards, total catch, % quota remaining, pounds of quota remaining

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BFT Catch for 2015 in whole weight

Share Category	Quota Distributed	Landings to Date	Dead Discards to Date	Total Catch to Date	% Quota Remaining	Quota Remaining
NED	55,115	0	0	0	100.0	55,115
Purse Seine	158,070	0	0	0	100.0	158,070
Pelagic Longline	302,692	16,412		16,412	94.0	286,280
GOM	105,942	0	0	0	100.0	105,942
ATL	196,750	16,412		16,412	91.0	180,338

IBQ Customer Service Line 301-427-8591

IBQ Customer Service Email NMFS.HMS.IBQ@NOAA.gov

Logging Into the IBQ System

- Shareholder and Dealer User ID and PIN sent in letters from NMFS
- Be sure to select the correct role!!!

BFT Shareholder

BFT Vessel

BFT Dealer

Login Form

User ID *

PIN *

Role *

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* Accept Terms of Use

Login Cancel

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Initial Login Form

Initial Login Form	2011 Landings to Date	% Quota
704321	1,020,000	4,654

You must change your PIN on your first login.

UserID

PIN *

Retype PIN *

* PIN must be at least 12 characters long.
PIN must contain no spaces.
PIN must contain 3 of these:
• lowercase letter
• uppercase letter
• number
• special character
. ! @ # \$ % ^ & * + =

Continue Additional Documents Cancel

Structure of the IBQ System



- All shareholders have two types of accounts generated for them – Shareholder Accounts and Vessel Accounts.
- A shareholder account is an umbrella account that contains individual vessel accounts.
- You must activate each type of account to be able to view your quota, complete transfers, and finalize landing transactions.

How Are the Roles Different?

BFT Shareholder	BFT Vessel	BFT Dealer
Hold Shares of IBQ	Holds allocation for use in landing transactions	View Landings
Resolve Quota Debt	View data for that specific vessel	Complete Landing Transactions
View data for all vessel accounts in one place	Finalize Landing Transactions with Vessel Account PIN (April)	View Notifications
Transfer IBQ between your accounts	Update account information for vessel account	Update dealer account information
Lease IBQ		
Receive messages from NMFS		
Update account information for shareholder or vessel accounts		



Updating Account Information

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Update Account

Select an account from the list below to view or update the account information.

UserID	Type	User Name	DBA
	BFT SHAREHOLDER		
	BFT VESSEL		

1

UserID 2

Reveal password 

Account Holder Name(s)

3 Email Address

Email Flag Check in order to receive email copies of Catch Shares messages.

First Secret Question

First Secret Answer

Second Secret Question

Second Secret Answer

4

* PIN must be at least 12 characters long.
PIN must contain no spaces.
PIN must contain 3 of these:

- lowercase letter
- uppercase letter
- number
- special character

. ! @ # \$ % ^ & *

Secret Questions WILL save you time and money – we use these to verify your identity over the phone!

IBQ System Functionality

- Home Page Features
- How to Transfer Quota
- How to Complete Landing Transactions



Today is Thursday, January 15, 2015

Welcome

Catch Shares Online System - BFT Shareholder Home

Important Messages **2**

3 BFT Catch for 2015 in ww pounds and mt

Share Category	Initial Shares %	Annual Allocation	Adjusted Allocation	Allocation Bought	Allocation Sold	Landings	Discards	Current Allocation
PLL GOM	0	105,942	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
PLL ATL	0	196,750	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
PSG ATL	0	158,070	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
NED	0	55,115	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

Your Account Home Page

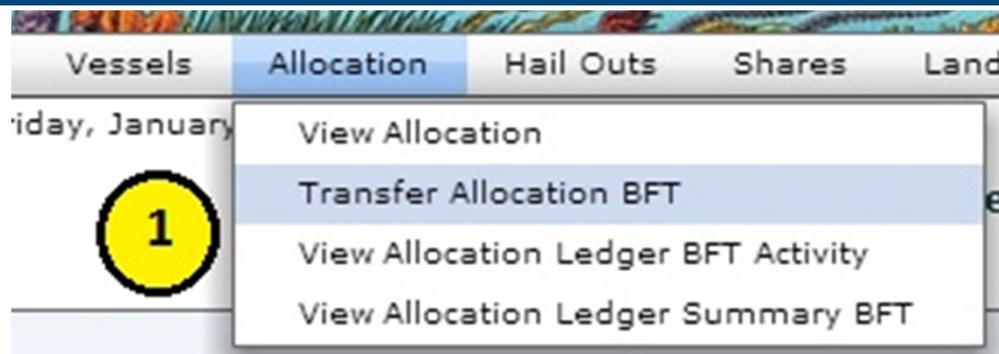
IBQ Customer Service Line 301-427-8591
IBQ Customer Service Email NMFS.HMS.IBQ@NOAA.gov

Additional Information **4**

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Transferring Allocation



Your Shareholder Account → Your Vessel Account

Your Vessel Account → Your Shareholder Account

Between Your Vessel Accounts

Vessel #1 → Shareholder → Vessel #2

Shareholder Account → Shareholder Account

Transferring Allocation

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Transfer Allocation (BFT)

Step 1: Select the type of allocation transfer... 

From my shareholder account to my vessel account 

Step 2: Select a vessel account or shareholder account in the table below. When selected, the account will be highlighted in blue...

In the Search box below, type the first few characters of the UserID or Shareholder Name to filter the list

Search

To My Vessel Account	Vessel	PLL ATL	PLL GOM	PSG ATL



Step 3: Enter allocation transferred for each share category by clicking in the Transfer Pounds column, changing the value and clicking the Enter key...

From My Shareholder Account	Share Category	Current Allocation	Reserved Allocation	Eligible Allocation	Transfer Pounds (gutted weight)





Transferring Allocation

Step 1: Select the type of allocation transfer...

Step

From my shareholder account to my vessel account

From my shareholder account to my vessel account

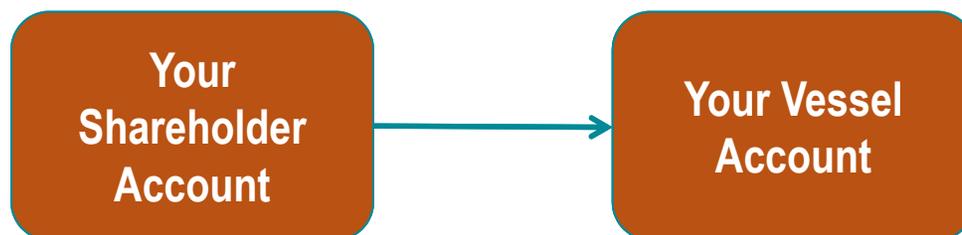
From my vessel account to my shareholder account

From my shareholder account to another shareholder's account

We have selected:

“From my shareholder account to my vessel account”

Transferring Allocation



Step 2: Select a vessel account or shareholder account in the table below. When selected, the account will be highlighted in blue...

In the Search box below, type the first few characters of the UserID or Shareholder Name to filter the list

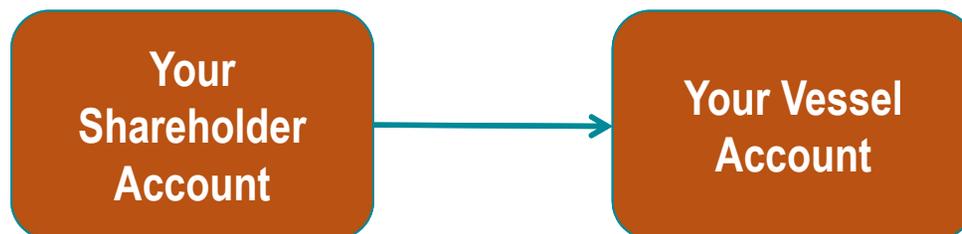
To My Vessel Account	Vessel	PLL ATL	PLL GOM	PSG ATL
Vessel Account ID	Vessel Name	Current amount of IBQ in the vessel account		

Step 2: Select the vessel account that will receive allocation

Vessel Account to Shareholder – select the vessel account *contributing* IBQ

Shareholder to Shareholder – select the *recipient* shareholder account

Transferring Allocation



Step 3: Enter allocation transferred for each share category by clicking in the Transfer Pounds column, changing the value

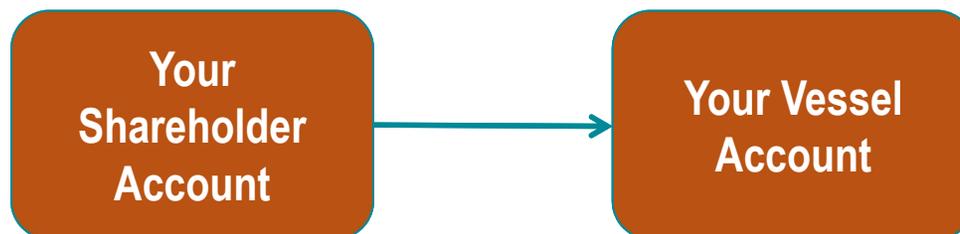
From My Shareholder Account	Share Category	Current Allocation	Reserved Allocation	Eligible Allocation	Transfer Pounds (gutted weight)
Shareholder Account ID	ATL	50	0	50	0
	GOM	0	0	0	0
	PSG	0	0	0	0

Step 3: Enter the Amount you Wish to Transfer

Step 4: Click the Submit button to complete the transfer or click the Reset button to clear all selections...

Step 4: Submit

Transferring Allocation



Review Allocation Transfer

Step 5: Review your selections from the Allocation Transfer page...
If correct, go to step 6. If incorrect, click the Cancel button to return to the Allocation Transfer form.

Transfer Type From my shareholder account to my vessel account

From Shareholder Account ID Shareholder Name

To Vessel Account ID Vessel Name and ID

Account	Share Category	Transfer Pounds (gutted weight)
Shareholder Account	ATL	0
Shareholder Account	GOM	1000
Shareholder Account	PSG	0

Step 6: Click the Submit button to complete the transfer or click the Cancel button to return to the Allocation Transfer form...

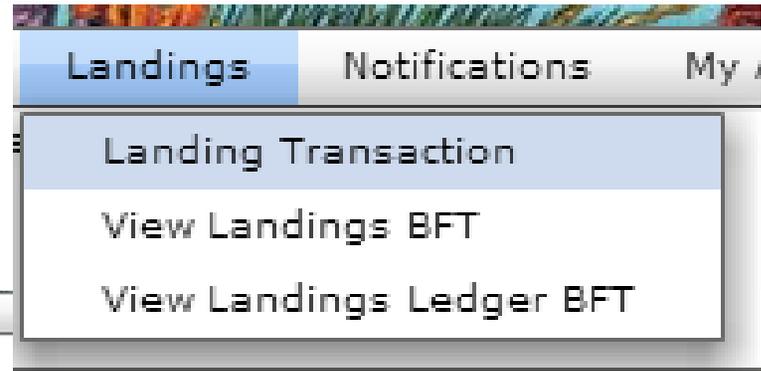
WARNING: THE ALLOCATION TRANSFER IS NOT SUBMITTED UNTIL YOU CLICK THE SUBMIT BUTTON!

Allocation Transfer Confirmation

Below is your confirmation code for this allocation transfer. Save this code for your records.

Confirmation code:
XX - 111111-22

Complete a Landing Transaction (Dealer Account)



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Landing Transaction

Step 1: Enter Trip Information

Vessel: 1
 Region:

Landing Date:
 Transaction Date: 1

Step 2: Enter Landings

Fish Tag	Unit of Measure	Pounds
1	Select...	0

2

Step 3: Enter Dead Discards

YSCH (0" - <27")
 SCH (27" - <47")
 LSCH (47" - <59")
 SMED (59" - <73")

Step 4: Submit Transaction

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Total Landed (whole weight) 5
 Total Discarded (whole weight)

Complete a Landing Transaction (Dealer Account)

Step 1: Enter Trip Information

1

Vessel: 

Region: 

Landing Date: 

Transaction Date:

Step 2: Enter Landings

Fish Tag	Unit of Measure	Pounds
<input type="text" value=""/>	Select...	0

2

Complete a Landing Transaction (Dealer Account)

Step 3: Enter Dead Discards

YSCH (0" - <27")	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="button" value="▲"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/>	
SCH (27" - <47")	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="button" value="▲"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/>	
LSCH (47" - <59")	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="button" value="▲"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/>	
SMED (59" - <73")	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="button" value="▲"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/>	

Step 4: Submit Transaction



Note: Vessel Account PINS will be required to be entered in a future release of the IBQ system at this point in the landing transaction.

Total Landed (whole weight)	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Total Discarded (whole weight)	<input type="text"/>	

Note: the IBQ system converts dressed weight (dw) to whole weight (ww) using the following formula:

$$ww = dw \times 1.25$$

Complete a Landing Transaction (Dealer Account)

Landing Transaction Confirmation

Close

Landing Transaction Confirmation

BFT Dealer:
BFT Vessel Account:
BFT Shareholder:
Landing Date:
Transaction Date:
Conf. Number:
Total Pounds (gutted):
Trip Ticket Number:

NOTE: Landing transaction numbers are not representative of a real transaction

Species	Share Category	Type	Pounds	Fish Tag	Class	Bin Count
BLUEFIN TUNA	ATL	ANNUAL	275	1234567		
BLUEFIN TUNA	ATL	ANNUAL	45		YSCH	4

To print, take a screen shot (hit CTRL+ALT+ Print Screen) and then paste into a Word document

Thank You!

- We are happy to take suggestions for how to improve the IBQ system.
- If you have questions or want a more detailed orientation of the IBQ system please talk to us at a break.
- Call IBQ Customer Service: **1-301-427-8591**
Monday – Friday (8:00a – 5:00p, excluding holidays)
- Email: **nmfs.hms.ibq@noaa.gov**