

I. PERMITS

Federal dealer permits are required to purchase, trade or barter any HMS from a fishing vessel. International trade of some HMS requires the HMS International Trade Permit. A description of these permits follows.

ATLANTIC TUNAS DEALER PERMIT¹

Atlantic tuna dealers must obtain a federal Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit in order to purchase, trade, or barter Atlantic bluefin, or BAYS tunas from a vessel. Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permits are available from the NMFS Northeast Regional Office at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/forms.html> or by calling (978) 281-9370, and are valid for one calendar year.



ATLANTIC SHARKS DEALER PERMIT²

Atlantic shark dealers must obtain a federal Atlantic Sharks Dealer Permit in order to purchase, trade, or barter any of the Atlantic sharks listed below from a federally-permitted vessel (Table 1). Atlantic Sharks Dealer Permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326, or <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits/permits.htm>, and are valid for one year.

Table 1. Atlantic shark species authorized for purchase with Atlantic Sharks Dealer Permit

Large Coastal Sharks (LCS) (non-ridgeback LCS & tiger)		Small Coastal Sharks (SCS)	Pelagic Sharks
Blacktip	Lemon	Atlantic sharpnose	Blue
Spinner	Nurse	Blacknose	Oceanic whitetip*
Bull	Silky*	Bonnethead	Porbeagle
Tiger		Finetooth	Shortfin mako
Hammerhead, great*			Thresher
Hammerhead, scalloped*			
Hammerhead, smooth*			

*See *Section IV. Restrictions; Atlantic Shark Restrictions; Oceanic Whitetip, Silky and Hammerhead Sharks*

ATLANTIC SWORDFISH DEALER PERMIT³

Atlantic swordfish dealers must obtain a federal Atlantic Swordfish Dealer Permit in order to purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic swordfish from a vessel. Atlantic Swordfish Dealer Permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326, or <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/permits/permits.htm>, and are valid for one year.

ATLANTIC BILLFISH

The purchase of Atlantic billfish from a fishing vessel is prohibited. For further information on the sale of billfish, see *Section IV. Restrictions*.

