

## I. PERMITS

Federal dealer permits are required to purchase, trade, or barter any HMS from a U.S. fishing vessel, even if the HMS product is landed in a foreign port. HMS product that was caught and retained by a U.S. fishing vessel is generally considered a domestic product and is not considered an import, even when the product is landed in a foreign port and crosses the U.S. border after landing.

International trade of some HMS requires the HMS International Trade Permit. International trade generally means the importation or exportation of HMS product that was landed by a foreign fishing vessel in a foreign port.

If a product landed by a U.S. vessel in a foreign port is processed from its original form before it is brought into the United States, the product may be considered an import, and the International Trade Permit may be required. A description of HMS permits follows.

### ATLANTIC TUNAS DEALER PERMIT<sup>1</sup>



Atlantic tuna dealers must obtain a federal Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit in order to purchase, trade, or barter Atlantic bluefin, or bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, or skipjack (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 SWORDFISH DEALER PERMIT<sup>2</sup>



Atlantic swordfish dealers must obtain a federal Atlantic Swordfish Dealer Permit in order to purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic swordfish from a federally-permitted vessel.

Atlantic Swordfish Dealer Permits are available from the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326 or [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations\\_management\\_information\\_services/constituency\\_services\\_branch/permits/permit\\_apps](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_apps), and are valid for one year.

### ATLANTIC SHARKS DEALER PERMIT<sup>3</sup>



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/operations\\_management\\_information\\_services/constituency\\_services\\_branch/permits/permit\\_apps/](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_apps/) and are valid for one year.

**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*

**HMS INTERNATIONAL TRADE PERMIT<sup>4</sup>**

An HMS International Trade Permit (ITP) is required to import, export, and re-export Atlantic bluefin tuna, Southern bluefin tuna, Pacific bluefin tuna, frozen bigeye tuna, swordfish, and shark fins. ITPs are issued by the NMFS Southeast Regional Permits Office at (727) 824-5326. Applications are valid for one year and are available on the HMS ITP homepage

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/itp/index.html>. For further information see *Section V. Importing, Exporting, and Re-exporting HMS*.

**ATLANTIC BILLFISHES**

The purchase of Atlantic billfish from a fishing vessel is prohibited.<sup>5</sup> For further information on the sale of billfish, see *Section IV. Restrictions*.