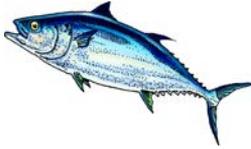


III. DEALER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - Atlantic Bluefin Tuna



LANDINGS REPORTS AND TAGS⁷

Atlantic bluefin tuna dealers must submit a daily landing report to NMFS for each bluefin tuna that is received from a U.S. vessel authorized to harvest Atlantic tunas. Daily landing report forms can be obtained from the HMS Gloucester office by emailing BFTReporting@noaa.gov or calling (978) 281-9260. Landing reports must be submitted via fax to (877) 883-8001 and must be received by NMFS no later than 24 hours after a dealer receives a bluefin tuna. Landing reports must indicate both the permit number and name of the vessel that landed the bluefin tuna and be signed by the vessel's operator/owner immediately upon transfer of the bluefin tuna.

NMFS will issue numbered dealer tags to each permitted Atlantic tuna dealer. One of these tags must be affixed to each bluefin tuna immediately after offloading. If the fish is on the vessel, and the vessel is trailered, then the fish must be tagged as soon as the vessel is removed from the water. Tags must be attached the bluefin tuna between the fifth dorsal finlet and the caudal keel, and must remain on the bluefin tuna until the fish is cut into portions. If the bluefin tuna or its parts are packaged for transport, then the number of the dealer tag must be written legibly and indelibly on the outside of the package.

BIWEEKLY REPORTS

In addition to landing reports, bi-weekly reports must be completed by all dealers that purchase Atlantic bluefin tuna, and may be obtained at the following website: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ITP/ABT_biweekly_dealer_rpt.pdf or by emailing BFTReporting@noaa.gov. Reports for the first reporting period of the month cover days 1-15, and the second reporting period covers day 16 to the end of the month. Reports must be postmarked no later than 10 days after the last day of the reporting period.

Dealers must retain all reports for a period of two years after they are required to be submitted to NMFS.⁸