UNITED STATES BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH DOCUMENT

Document No. _____

1. CATCH INFORMATION

A. VESSEL

ATVP NO:					
NAME:		FLAG:	US	ICCAT RECORD NO.:	

B. CATCH DESCRIPTION

LANDING DATE (ddmmyy):		AREA:	West Atlantic
NO. FISH:		AVG WT (KG):	
TOTAL WT (KG):		GEAR:	

C. GOVT. VALIDATION

NAME OF AUTHORITY:		TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	SEAL

2. TAG INFORMATION & PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

TAG #:	WT (KG):	Product Type F/FR	Product Type RD/GG/DR/FL/OT	Product Type Descriptions
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				F = Fresh
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				FR = Frozen
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				RD = Round
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				GG = Gilled&Gutted
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				DR = Dressed
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				FL = Fillet
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				OT = Other
ABT - __ __ - __ __ __ __ __ __ __				
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3. TRADE INFORMATION

A. EXPORTER/SELLER

COMPANY:		LICENSE NO:	
ADDRESS:	STREET	CITY	STATE OR PROVINCE
NET WT (kg):		SIGNATURE:	

B. POINT OF EXPORT/DEPARTURE:

CITY:		STATE:		DESTINATION COUNTRY:
COUNTRY:	USA	DATE:		

C. TRANSPORTATION DESCRIPTION (ensure documents are available at import)

D. GOVT VALIDATION

NAME OF AUTHORITY:		TITLE:	
SIGNATURE:		DATE:	SEAL

E. IMPORTER/BUYER

COMPANY:		LICENSE NO:	
ADDRESS:	STREET	CITY	STATE OR PROVINCE
SIGNATURE:			

F. POINT OF IMPORT

CITY:		STATE OR PROVINCE:	
COUNTRY:		DATE:	

Enter in eBCD System*

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Reporting Instructions for Bluefin Tuna Exports

Bluefin tuna exporters must fill out this form for each vessel's exported catch. Complete the document on the reverse side by entering the requested data in the appropriate data fields following the instructions below. *(See the bottom of this instruction sheet for Pacific bluefin tuna)*. The document must be filled out completely prior to exporting bluefin tuna in accordance with 50 C.F.R. 300.185. The completed original document must accompany the exported consignment.

Submit a copy of the completed document to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) at one of the following addresses: by email to: BFTreporting@noaa.gov; by FAX to: 228-762-7144; or by mail to: Tuna/Swordfish Reporting, 3209 Frederic Street, Pascagoula, MS 39567. NMFS must receive a copy of the document within 24 hours of export.

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Document Number: Use the following formula to generate a document number: ***USYear - International Trade Permit (ITP) number*** (numerals only, do not include the "SE" prefix)- ***sequential number***. For example, an exporter with the ITP number SE 10543 who is exporting the first bluefin for the year 2008 would use the following doc. number: US2008-10543-1.

1. Catch Information *(NOTE: It may be necessary to obtain this information from the Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit holder who first purchased the bluefin tuna.)*

A. Vessel: Enter the name of the vessel that captured the bluefin tuna and the vessel's Atlantic Tuna Vessel Permit (ATVP) number. For vessels with a length greater than 24 m, enter the ICCAT record number (see website http://www.iccat.int/vesselsrecord.asp)

B. Catch Description: Enter the Landing Date (date bluefin tuna was brought to dock and sold to Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit holder), Area of catch, Gear type (choose from table below), Number of Fish entered on this form, Total Weight in kilograms of fish product entered on this form, and calculate average weight = (total weight/number of fish).

GEAR TYPES		
HAND – handline	LL – longline	RR - rod and reel
HARP – harpoon	PS – purse seine	TRAP - trap

2. Tag Information and Product Description

Enter the tag number for each bluefin tuna in the space provided. Enter the product type (choose from list on front of form) for each tagged fish and its weight in kilograms. If product type is "other" enter "OT" and a one-word description (*e.g.*, OT-toro).

3. Trade Information

A. Exporter/Seller: Enter the exporting company's name and International Trade Permit number, address, the total weight of bluefin tuna listed on this form, and sign once the form is printed.

B. Point of Departure/Export: enter the point of departure including city, state, and date of export. ***Enter the destination (country) of the export.***

C. Transportation Description: Ensure that a copy of official transportation documentation (*e.g.*, airway bill) is received by the importer, along with this form.

D. Government Validation: If bluefin tuna are tagged, leave this section blank (government validation is waived for tagged U.S. Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tuna). For untagged Pacific bluefin tuna, government validation is required. For validation, FAX the completed form to the NMFS-authorized validation official at: 866/252-3751. Be sure to specify return fax number and phone number. If your validated form has not been returned within 2 hours, call the validation official at 843-724-6425.

E. Importer/Buyer; and, F. Point of Import: leave blank – this section will be filled out by the foreign importer.

Pacific bluefin tuna exports: only the following fields are required: "Document Number," "Area" under "Catch Information," "Weight" and "Product Type" under "Tag Information and Product Description," and all "Trade Information" fields, including "Government Validation."

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