



COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA
As of August 31, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 08/31/2012.

Category	Sub Category	Current Year 2012				Previous Year 2011		
		Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota_Final (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		1229	344.3	191.9	435.1	1140	295	152.6
	Handline	4	511.5	.9		4	343.5	.6
	Harpoon	242	317.1	34.6		323	278.3	40.8
	Rod and Reel	983	350.3	156.2		813	301.4	111.2
Harpoon		128	296.2	17.2	36.0	243	266.0	29.3
Longline		377	477.2	81.6	78.4	264	461.8	55.3
	NED	1	818.0	.4	25.0	14	554.9	3.5
	North	167	401.9	30.4	27.6	115	418.5	21.8
	South	209	535.7	50.8	50.8	135	489.1	30.0
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine		13	284.6	1.7	171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					41.3			
Total:		1747	369.0	292.4	764	1647	317.5	237.2

NOTE

- This report SHOULD NOT be considered useful for real time catch monitoring purposes. It only includes landings reported to NMFS to date.
- These numbers are considered preliminary and are subject to change.
- The final 2012 Bluefin Tuna Specifications (77 FR 44161, July 27, 2012) adjusted the 2012 quota and subquotas to account for 2011 underharvest and to address anticipated 2012 dead discards.
- NMFS closed the southern area Angling category trophy fishery on April 7, 2012 (77 FR 21015, April 9, 2012), the incidental Longline category southern area fishery on May 29, 2012 (77 FR 31546), and the incidental Longline category northern area fishery on June 30, 2012 (77 FR 38011, June 26, 2012).

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fishery interests to keep you informed about the fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/hmsdocument_files/Tuna.htm or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.

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