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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of October 31, 2012

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2012 and 10/31/2012.

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		2451	364	404.7	435.1	2705	360.4	442.3
	Handline	5	478.8	1.1		5	381.8	.9
	Harpoon	244	316.6	35.0		323	278.3	40.8
	Rod and Reel	2,202	369.0	368.6		2,377	371.5	400.6
Harpoon		128	296.2	17.2	36.0	243	266.0	29.3
Longline		402	482.7	88	78.4	278	464.2	58.6
	NED	26	576.3	6.8	25.0	24	566.5	6.2
	North	167	401.9	30.4	27.6	119	415.4	22.4
	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					41.8			
Total:		2994	376.7	511.6	764	3226	362.3	530.2

NOTE

- Landings data are also posted twice per week at: www.hmspermits.noaa.gov.
- 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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