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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

As of October 31, 2013

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Data between 01/01/2013 and 10/31/2013.

		Current Year 2013				Previous Year 2012		
Category	Sub Category	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota_Final (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		1303	350.7	207.3	435.1	2457	364.7	406.4
	Handline	2	533.5	.5		5	478.8	1.1
	Harpoon	205	298.4	27.8		244	316.6	35.0
	Rod and Reel	1,096	360.1	179.0		2,208	369.8	370.3
Harpoon		121	313.9	17.2	36.0	128	296.2	17.2
Longline		295	462.6	61.9	46.0	403	482.9	88.2
	NED	14	515.4	3.3	25.0	27	574.5	7.0
	North	128	429.6	24.9	19.2	167	401.9	30.4
	South	153	485.3	33.7	31.2	209	535.7	50.8
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine		192	331.1	28.8	171.8	13	284.6	1.7
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					23.1			
Total:		1911	363.7	315.2	712.9	3001	377.3	513.5

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.
- NMFS closed the General category January subquota period on February 15, 2013 (78 FR 11788; February 20, 2013) and the Angling category Southern area trophy fishery on April 4, 2013 (78 FR 20258).
- The final 2013 Atlantic bluefin tuna specifications (78 FR 36685, June 19, 2013) adjusted the 2013 base quota and subquotas to account for 2012 underharvest and to address anticipated dead discards for 2013. This action also closed the the Longline North and South subquotas effective June 25, 2013.

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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