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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

2012 Bluefin Tuna Fishing Year Summary

January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2012

Quota category	No. of Fish	Weight (mt)	2012 Base Quota (mt)	2012 Adjusted Quota (mt)	% Base Quota Taken	% Adjusted Quota Taken
General	2727	456.2	435.1	475.1¹	104.8%	96.0%
Harpoon	128	17.2	36	36	47.8%	47.8%
Longline (incl NED)	407	89.6	99.8	103.4	89.8%	86.7%
NED	31	8.4	25	25	33.6%	33.6%
North	167	30.4	29.9	27.6	101.7%	110.1%
South	209	50.8	44.9	50.8	113.1%	100.0%
Trap	0	0	0.9	0.9	0.0%	0.0%
Purse seine	13	1.7	171.8	171.8	1.0%	1.0%
Angling	4438	148.5	182	182	81.6%	81.6%
School	2931	63.2	94.9	94.9	66.6%	66.6%
Lg Sch/Sm med	1464	79.1	82.9	82.9	95.4%	95.4%
Trophy	43	6.2	4.2	4.2	147.6%	147.6%
Reserve	0	0	23.1	1.8¹	0.0%	0.0%
Total (landings only)	7713	713.2	948.7	971³	75.2%	73.5%
Total (landings + dead discards)²		858.4	948.7	971³	90.5%	88.4%
¹ Includes a transfer of 40 mt from the Reserve to the General category (77 FR 74612, December 17, 2012). ² 2012 Dead discard estimates are not yet available (2011 estimate = 145.2 mt). The United States accounts for dead discards annually in the quota specifications and reports them to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). ³ The final 2012 adjusted quota of 971 mt published in the Bluefin Tuna Specifications (77 FR 44161, July 27, 2012) and reflects NMFS' accounting for half of the estimated dead discards at the beginning of the year, with the remainder to be accounted for at year-end. NOTE: U.S. adjusted quota for accounting to ICCAT = 1043.6 mt (i.e., = 948.7 (base) + 94.9 (carry-forward)).						

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