



# NOAA FISHERIES

## Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

### COMMERCIAL LANDINGS OF BLUEFIN TUNA

#### As of May 31, 2013

Category	Sub Category	Current Year 2013				Previous Year 2012		
		Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)	Quota_Final (mt)	Count of Fish	Avg Weight (lb)	Gross Weight (mt)
General		252	283.1	32.4	435.1	293	281.2	37.4
	Handline	1	213.0	.1				
	Harpoon							
	Rod and Reel	251	283.4	32.3		293	281.2	37.4
Harpoon					36.0			
Longline		231	455.1	47.7	46.0	334	473.5	71.8
	NED				25.0			
	North	94	412.5	17.6	19.2	125	369.5	21.0
	South	137	484.3	30.1	31.2	209	535.7	50.8
Trap					.9			
Purse Seine					171.8			
	Giant							
	Large Medium							
Reserve					23.1			
Total:		483	365.4	80.1	712.9	627	383.6	109.2

#### 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.
- 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](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/hmsdocument_files/Tuna.htm) or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.

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