

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Atlantic Sharks, Tunas, Billfish, and Swordfish Art Contest
Opens October 18, 2023

CONTEST RULES

Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork and a title. **All entries must meet the requirements below.** A NOAA awards panel will collect all entries and select 13 winners to be featured in a calendar. Entries will be judged on the creativity, artistic presentation, and relevance to the art contest theme.

The theme of the 2024 Highly Migratory Species art contest is Atlantic tunas and should highlight:

1. The important role Atlantic tunas play in their ecosystem to support healthy oceans;
2. The diversity of Atlantic tunas and their habitats; and/or
3. Unique biological characteristics of Atlantic tunas.

Eligibility - All students from kindergarten through eighth grade from all U.S. states and territories enrolled in public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. *Students may submit entries on their own or as part of a classroom, but must work individually.*

ARTWORK & DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS

We strongly encourage highlighting Atlantic tuna species found in the Atlantic Ocean such as [bluefin](#), [bigeye](#), [albacore](#), [yellowfin](#), and [skipjack](#) tunas.

1. Provide one entry per student.
2. Create artwork on a single sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, landscape.
3. Use plain white, non-glossy paper; do not laminate.
4. Use any art medium (e.g., colored pencils, crayons, paint, markers).
5. Hand draw all artwork.
6. Ensure artwork is flat (e.g., no glued pieces or glitter) and able to be scanned.
7. Do not include any personal information (name, location, or grade) on the front of the artwork.
8. Write the students name, grade, school, and state on the back of the artwork in pencil.
9. Avoid labeling items with any brand names or slogans in the artwork; limit text on the artwork.
10. Provide a title for each artwork on the entry form.

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

All entries must be submitted electronically or by mail and postmarked no later than **December 15, 2023**. Please submit one entry form per student.

<p>Submitting Entries by Mail Mail entry to:</p> <p>Highly Migratory Species Art Contest Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Division NMFS SSMC3 F/SF1 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910</p>	<p>Submitting Entries Electronically Email entry to: nmfs.hms.artcontest@noaa.gov</p> <p>Attach the artwork as a JPEG, PNG, or TIFF. Make sure artwork is high resolution (scanning is encouraged), not crooked, and is easy to see and/or read. Include the student's name, grade, school and state in the body of the email.</p> <p>Please note: Our email system will not accept emails with attachments larger than 18MB. If you are submitting multiple entries via email, please number them, send them in individual emails, or reach out to confirm we have received all of your entries.</p>
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If you have any questions, please email nmfs.hms.artcontest@noaa.gov.

ENTRY FORM
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There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form and artwork) must be submitted either electronically or by mail (postmarked) no later than **December 15, 2023**.

Student First and Last Name:

Grade Level:

Age:

Teacher's Name:

School Name (or home school):

School Address:

City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

School/Teacher Phone Number:

Teacher Email Address:

Please ensure accuracy as this information will be used to contact winners.

Parent Name:

Parent Address:

City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

Parent Phone Number:

Parent Email Address:

Artwork Description:

Art Medium Used (e.g., colored pencils, crayon, pain):

Title:

Ownership

Submissions become property of the NOAA Fisheries. Through submission of artwork, entrants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works.

Please note that entries **will not be returned**.