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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Angler Reporting

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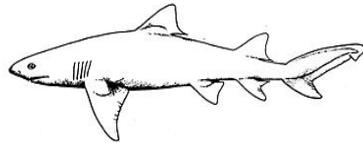
Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

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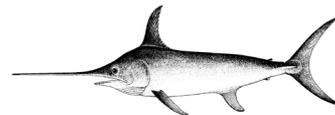
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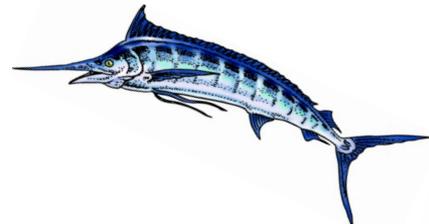


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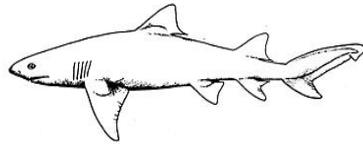
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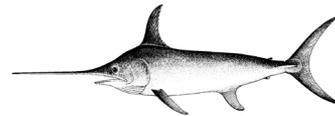
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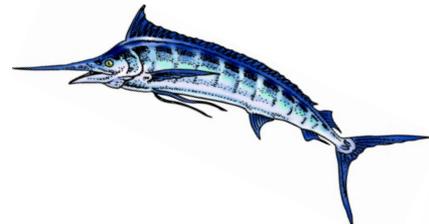


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HMS Recreational Permits

All HMS recreational permits are vessel-based, open access, and can be obtained online at the HMS Permit Shop website (hmspermits.noaa.gov)

HMS permits that authorize recreational fishing include:

- Atlantic HMS Angling
- Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat
 - Also authorizes commercial retention of tunas and swordfish when combined with a Commercial Endorsement

Commercial Open Access Permits

- Atlantic Tunas Harpoon
- Atlantic Tunas General
- Swordfish General Commercial

(Latter two authorize participation in HMS tournaments)



Basis for HMS Recreational Reporting

HMS catch reporting supports ICCAT reporting and inseason management of three recreational HMS quotas:

- Marlin 250-fish annual catch limit
 - Total landings of blue and white marlin and roundscale spearfish
- Regional bluefin tuna Angling category trophy (≥ 73 " CFL) subquotas
 - North (north of $39^{\circ}18'$ N. lat., Great Egg Inlet, NJ)
 - South (south of $39^{\circ}18'$ N. lat. through east coast of FL)
 - Gulf of Mexico
- Bluefin tuna Angling category school (27" to <47 " CFL) and large school/small medium (47" to <73 " CFL) subquotas
 - LPS is primary data source with HMS catch reporting covering times and areas outside of LPS coverage



HMS Recreational Reporting Platforms

- HMS Angling & Charter/Headboat
 - Bluefin tuna (landings and dead discards), swordfish, & billfishes (white & blue marlin, sailfish, and roundscale spearfish)
 - Reports due within 24 hours of trip completion
- Reporting options currently include:
 - Online via the HMS Permit Shop
 - HMS Catch Reporting App
 - Call in by phone
 - SAFIS eTrips Mobile and Online
- Working with GARFO to incorporate HMS reporting into eVTR and have had conversations with Bluefin Data Inc about VESL



HMS Recreational Reporting Platforms

- Billfish and swordfish caught in Florida state waters are also required by the state to be reported on the HMS webpage/app/phone
- Alternative HMS Catch Reporting
 - Maryland and North Carolina permit holders: states require catch card reporting for recreational bluefin tuna, billfish, and swordfish (MD also requires sharks)
 - HMS landed in registered HMS tournaments are reported by the tournament directors, not the individual anglers

NC Highly Migratory Species Catch Card
NOT FOR COMMERCIAL
Reporting Station Copy

Date: Year Month Day

Reporting Station: _____
 Permit Number: _____
 Vessel Name: _____

Trip Type (check one):
 Charter
 Private
 Headboat

Tournament: Yes No

Tag Number (obtained at reporting station): _____

Tagging Location: _____

Curved Fork Length (inches): _____
 Pounds (optional): _____

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Blue Marlin White Marlin Sailfish Swordfish Roundscale Spearfish

All the above Highly Migratory Species (HMS) landed in North Carolina must have a Landing Tag affixed before removal from the vessel. Tags are available at all LPS Reporting Stations. To obtain a Landing Tag, Captains or operators of permitted vessel must complete and submit a catch card for every HMS landed. This information collection is approved under OMB Control #0648-0328 (expires 02/28/2013).

Maryland Bluefin Tuna Catch Card

Today's Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Vessel Name: _____
 Registration # (State ID): _____
 Permit Holders Name: _____

Atlantic HMS Permit #: _____

Trip Type: Charter / Private / Headboat

Was this fish caught during a tournament? Yes / No

Tournament Name: _____
 Reporting Station: _____
 Bluefin Tuna Tag #: _____
(Obtain at Reporting Station)
 Curved Fork Length: _____ **Weight (lbs) _____

Live Releases Dead Releases

Write the P/F/RT measured value in the Live Releases Box and the P Released Date in the Dead Releases Box.

* Measure from the tip of the upper jaw, over the top side of the pectoral fin to the fork of the tail.
 ** Scale weight ONLY. Do not record estimated weight.

NOTE: All bluefin tuna landed in Maryland must have a LANDING TAG affixed before removal from the vessel. Tags are available at all BLUEFIN TUNA REPORTING STATIONS. To obtain a LANDING TAG, captains or operators of the permitted vessel must complete and submit a catch card for every bluefin tuna landed.

This information collected is approved under OMB Control # 0648-0328 and expires on 07/31/2019



HMS Recreational Reporting Data Elements

- HMS catch reporting is based on landings and is not a complete trip report. Bluefin tuna, swordfish, & billfishes (white & blue marlin, sailfish, and roundscale spearfish) must be reported within 24 hrs of trip completion
- HMS Catch Reporting Data Elements
 - Length & weight of each fish landed
 - Were length & weight measured or estimated?
 - Length & weight type (dressed; whole)
 - Was the fish entered into an HMS tournament?
 - Hook and fight time
 - Fishing method and hook type





Comments & Questions

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