

Preliminary Data: Blueline Tilefish Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) 3/2/2012

	All Trips	Observed Trips
Blueline Tilefish (Total lbs)**	94,211	13,831
Blueline Tilefish (Ave lbs/trip)**	1,427	1,257
Deepwater Species (# trips/lbs)**:		
Snowy Grouper	2/<100*	1/<100*
Speckled Hind	0	0
Warsaw Grouper	0	0
Misty Grouper	0	0
Queen Snapper	0	0
Silk Snapper	0	0
Top Other Species (# trips/lbs)**:		
Conger Eel	22/425	6/90
Dolphin (mahi)	14/308	3/<100*
Black Sea Bass	7/61	3/<100*
Eels	5/76	1/<100*
Bonito	2/<100*	0
Yellowfin Tuna	2/<100*	0
Skipjack Tuna	2/<100*	0
False Albacore	2/<100*	0
Mako	2/<100*	1/ (released)
Hammerhead	1/<5,000*	6/ (released)
Angelfish	1/<200*	0
Knobbed Porgy	1/<100*	0

* Denotes confidential data (less than 3 dealers reporting)

** Preliminary landings data available only through January 2012

Total Trips August 2011 through February 2012 = 73

Observed Trips August 2011 through February 2012 = 14

Percent Observer coverage = 19%

Area fished: 28 – 38 nautical miles E to ENE of Oregon Inlet

Depth fished: 39 – 73 fathoms

Average number of days fished: 1.6 (range 0.5 – 2)

Gear fished: longline, # 12 circle hook

Average length of line: 2 miles (range 0.75 – 3 miles)

Average number of hooks: 400 (range 180 – 1200)

Average number of sets: 8 (range 1 – 20)

Average soak time: 1 hour (range 0.8 – 1.5 hours)

Bait type: squid