



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

HMS Management Division
55 Great Republic Drive
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Dear Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dealer,

We are writing to remind you about electronic dealer reporting requirements for purchases of Atlantic bluefin tuna, and to let you know that we recently expanded reporting options to include SAFIS file upload. We added file upload as a means to simplify reporting for large-volume dealers. We expect to further simplify reporting by adding a Federal Trip Ticket option in the near future.

Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dealer Reporting Requirements

As a condition of the Federal Atlantic Tunas Dealer permit, dealers are required to report all purchases of Atlantic bluefin tuna to NOAA within 24 hours of receipt. On July 28, 2016 (81 FR 429900, June 29, 2016), we transitioned to electronic dealer reporting using the SAFIS online reporting application.

The data that are specifically required to be reported within 24 hours include all the data fields on the attached "Large-Medium and Giant Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Report." You may use the attached form as an easy way to record the information you'll need for each fish when entering it electronically into SAFIS. When searching for vessels in SAFIS, please select the vessel with the correct USCG documentation/State registration number, as vessel name is not a unique identifier and may return multiple choices in a search. If you end up selecting the wrong vessel, it will cause more work for you to go back and correct the error.

The rest of the bluefin tuna-related data fields in the SAFIS pop-up window and price data must be reported within the biweekly reporting schedule. These fields include final disposition (export or domestic) and sale type (dockside or consignment), both of which are required fields, and four optional quality rating fields. A hard-copy biweekly report must also be submitted to NOAA. We will retire this hard-copy report in the future, as data quality improves.

Biweekly Reporting Schedule

Biweekly Reporting Period	Due Date
1-15 for each month	25 th of month
16-end of each month	10 th of following month
<i>Ex/ Landing on January 12th</i>	<i>Biweekly reporting fields for this landing and biweekly report for entire period due January 25th</i>

The last page of this letter contains links to the electronic bluefin tuna user guide and other important information.



SAFIS File Upload

SAFIS File Upload is a process that allows dealers to export data from their proprietary software into a spreadsheet recognizable to the SAFIS system. Dealers may elect to work with NOAA Port Agents or SAFIS helpdesk staff to build their SAFIS "dealer definition" tables (which identifies the type of data in each column of the spreadsheet) and "conversion tables" (which map dealer specific codes to SAFIS codes). Once their spreadsheet is mapped, dealers can upload files of bluefin tuna data into the SAFIS data set. This obviates the need for dealers to key-enter bluefin tuna data in the SAFIS form.

Dealers using file upload must adhere to the reporting deadlines outlined above. Additional biweekly fields can either be added using file upload, or key-entered in the SAFIS form after the initial data have been uploaded. It is important to recognize that when updating records using upload, all required data elements must always be included in the update file, otherwise previously uploaded data will be lost.

If you are a file upload dealer and would like to be able to upload bluefin tuna data, or are interested in learning more about file upload, please contact your local port agent. A link to a list of port agents is included on the enclosed information sheet.

Federal (Northeast) Trip Ticket

We will notify you when this option is available for Federal bluefin tuna dealer reporting.

Other Reminders

All importers and exporters of Atlantic bluefin tuna must now hold an active International Fisheries Trade Permit (IFTP) and must record their imports and exports in the ICCAT electronic bluefin tuna catch document (eBCD) system.

All landings of bluefin tuna by pelagic longline vessels must be accounted for in the Individual Bluefin Tuna Quota system.

All vessels selling bluefin tuna must have a commercial Highly Migratory Species (HMS) vessel permit. Dealers may only purchase bluefin tuna from properly permitted HMS vessels.

Please see the enclosure for links to additional information concerning these topics. If you have any questions, please contact the Northeast Branch of the HMS Division at 978-281-9260.

Sincerely,



Brad McHale
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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Division
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Important Links for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dealers

Topic	Website	Phone Number
SAFIS Data Entry Application	https://safis.accsp.org:8443/safis_prod/f?p=SAFIS:101	978-281-9212 301-427-8590
Bi-Weekly Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Dealer Landings and Trade Report	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/itp/documents/07-14-14_abt_biweekly_dealer_rpt.pdf	978-281-9260
Large-medium and Giant Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Report	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/edealer/large_medium_giant_bluefin_tuna_landing_form_4_19_2017.pdf	978-281-9260
SAFIS eBFT User Manual for electronic reporting of bluefin tuna	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/documents/user_manual_draft_-_ebft_dealer_reporting_system_06272016.pdf	301-427-8590
SAFIS Electronic Reporting File Upload Users Guide	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/edealer/safis-users-guide-v4-3-7-17.pdf	Local NOAA Port Agent (see link below)
NOAA Port Agents	https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/sed/portagents/portagents.html	Local NOAA Port Agent (see link)
HMS open access vessel permit list	http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits/data/index.html	978-281-9260
Obtain an HMS open access vessel permit	https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/	888-862-8862
HMS Dealer and Importer/Exporter Compliance Guide	http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/guides/index.html	978-281-9260
ICCAT eBCD System	https://etuna.iccat.int/Account/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f	301-427-8589
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations for Atlantic HMS Fisheries	http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=7b409a70ec639e25c6421186acfc413d&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title50/50cfr635_main_02.tpl	978-281-9260
International Fisheries Trade Permit	https://fisheriespermits.noaa.gov/npspub/pub_cmnn/index_live.jsp	301-427-8589

Large Medium & Giant Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landing Form

This is not a required form, but may be helpful for recording data that must be electronically submitted within 24 hours, per federal dealer reporting requirements.

Dealer No. Dealer Name

Date Landed

Gear Used (Check one) Handline Harpoon Rod & Reel
 Longline Purse Seine

Fork Length (in.) Snout or Fin

Exact Weight (lbs.) Dressed Round Second Weight (lbs.) Dressed Round

If a second weight is available, add it to the BFT pop-up window.

Identification Tag Number

BT Prefix Tag Number

Area Where Caught

- 1: US Border to Vinalhaven 2: Vinalhaven to Cape Porpoise 3: Cape Porpoise to Cape Ann
 4: Cape Ann to Eastham 5: Eastham to Aquinnah 6: Aquinnah to Shinnecock
 7: Shinnecock to Cape Hatteras 8: Cape Hatteras to Key West 9: Eastern Gulf Of Mexico
 10: Western Gulf of Mexico

Port Where Landed

State

Coast Guard or State Registration No.

Note: When searching for vessels in SAFIS, use ONLY the CG or State registration number. Do NOT search using the vessel name!

Federal Fisheries Permit No.

Vessel Name

Name of Fisher

The fisher name is not a required federal field, but may be required by your state.