



# NOAA FISHERIES

## Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

# Fact Sheet for Dealers Purchasing Sharks, Swordfish, and BAYS Tunas

## Who is affected?

A federal dealer permit is required for purchasing commercially-harvested Atlantic sharks, tunas and swordfish. That is, a person who takes possession for commercial purposes, any bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, or skipjack (BAYS) or bluefin tunas, swordfish, or shark or parts of those species by purchasing, trading, or bartering once it is offloaded from the vessel owner or operator of a fishing vessel, is required to obtain the corresponding federal Highly Migratory Species (HMS) dealer permit.

## How do I get a domestic HMS Dealer Permit?

Dealer permits for Atlantic swordfish and Atlantic sharks may be obtained by contacting the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) Permits Office at (727) 824-5326. A printable version of the Federal Permit Application for an Annual Dealer Permit can be downloaded from the following web site: [http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations\\_management\\_information\\_services/constituency\\_services\\_branch/permits/permit\\_apps/index.html](http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/permit_apps/index.html)

Atlantic bluefin and BAYS tunas dealer permits may be obtained by contacting the Northeast Regional Office (NERO) at (978) 281-9370. A printable version of the Federal Northeast Seafood Dealer-Initial Dealer Permit Application can be downloaded from the web site: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/dealerpermit.html>. A complete application with the required supporting documents must be submitted at least 30 days before the date on which the permit is to be made effective.

## Do I have to report the fish I purchase?

Yes, there are reporting requirements associated with each type of dealer permit.

### *Reporting BAYS Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks*

More information on the electronic reporting requirements associated with federal dealer permits for BAYS tunas, swordfish, or shark can be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/edealer/index.html>. In addition, any questions regarding electronic dealer reporting can be sent to [HMS.DealerReports@noaa.gov](mailto:HMS.DealerReports@noaa.gov) or called in via (301) 427-8590.

### *Reporting Bluefin Tuna*

For bluefin tuna reporting information, call (978) 281-9260 for assistance.

## What about Imports and Exports?

For additional information on importing, exporting, or re-exporting of tunas and swordfish, please see the "Fact Sheet for International Trade of Swordfish, Tuna, and Shark Fins" at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ITP/index.htm>.