



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
 Silver Spring, MO 20910

## LANDINGS OF LARGE MEDIUM AND GIANT BLUEFIN TUNA As of December 1, 2008

		Current Year: 2008				Previous Year: 2007		
Category	Sub Category	Count of Fish	Average Weight	Gross Weight	Final Initial Quotas	Count of Fish	Average Weight	Gross Weight
General	-	928	514.7	216.6	740.0	530	426.2	102.5
	Handline	1	530.0	0.2				
	Harpoon	48	377.1	8.2		61	378.1	10.5
	Rod and Reel	879	522.2	208.2		469	432.5	92.0
Harpoon	-	135	359.1	22.0	61.2	74	359.5	12.1
Longline	-	306	484.5	67.3	81.7	304	499.1	68.8
	North	150	391.9	26.7	47.7	152	418.9	28.9
	South	156	573.6	40.6	34.0	152	579.3	39.9
Trap	-	1	710.0	0.3	1.6			
Purse Seine	-				292.2			
Angling	-	1	554.0	0.3		6	317.0	.9
	North	1	554.0	0.3	2.4	6	317.0	.9
	South				4.7			
Reserve	-				207.6			
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1371</b>	<b>492.8</b>	<b>306.5</b>	<b>1391.4</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>444.4</b>	<b>184.3</b>

**NOTE**

This report **SHOULD NOT** be considered useful for real time catch monitoring purposes. It only includes landings reported to NMFS to date.

**Average Weight:** based on individual weights in pounds.

**Gross Weight:** Metric Tons

**Angling:** Records large, medium and giant size class (trophy) Does not include school, large school or small medium size class tuna harvested.

**Longline North:** Includes quota and landings for the NED set-aside.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fisheries interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. To view catch statistics from previous months, please visit <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Tuna.htm> or contact Brad McHale at (978) 281-9260.

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