



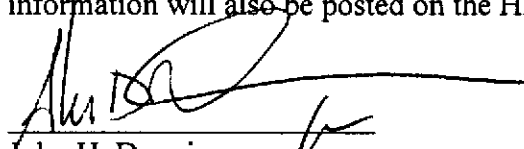
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NOAA Fisheries Announces a Final Rule Implementing ICCAT Trade Measures

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) is implementing regulations resulting from the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meetings in 2002 and 2003. This final rule will:

- Lift bans on imports:
 - From Belize of bigeye tuna, bluefin tuna, and swordfish,
 - From Honduras of bigeye tuna, bluefin tuna, and swordfish,
 - From St. Vincent and the Grenadines of bigeye tuna
- Prohibit imports:
 - From Bolivia and Georgia of bigeye tuna, and
 - From Sierra Leone of bigeye tuna, bluefin tuna, and swordfish
- Require chartering permits to manage the chartering arrangements made between U.S. vessels and other Contracting Parties
- Implement measures to limit the amount of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in the Atlantic Ocean.

This FAX notice is a courtesy to the HMS fishery participants to help keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishing actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of Federal Register. For further information on this final rule and its requirements, contact Heather Stirratt or Mike Clark at 301-713-2347. Copies of the final rule and final environmental assessment/regulatory impact review/final regulatory flexibility analysis are available upon request from the Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2347, fax: 301-713-1917). The information will also be posted on the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.


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