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NMFS Announces 2005 Final Initial Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quotas and General Category Effort Controls

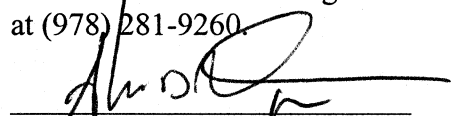
In accordance with the 1999 Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Shark Fishery Management Plan (1999 FMP), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the final initial 2005 Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) quota specifications.

This action sets BFT quotas for each of the established domestic fishing categories and sets General category effort controls for the 2005 fishing year (June 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006). This action is necessary to implement recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), as required by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, and to achieve domestic management objectives under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Based on the 2002 ICCAT quota recommendation and 2004 fishing year underharvests/overharvests as applied to the 2005 fishing year allocation, NMFS establishes the 2005 final initial fishing year quotas shown in the attached table, which also shows the time-period subquotas for the General category.

NMFS establishes the following restricted fishing days: all Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from November 18, 2005 through January 31, 2006, and November 24, 2005, inclusive, provided the fishery remains open. These days are intended to extend the General category BFT fishery into the late season for the southern Atlantic region.

This notice is a courtesy to BFT fishery participants to help 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. For further information contact the HMS Management Division at (978) 281-9260.


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**2005 Final Initial Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications
and General Category Effort Controls**

Category	Under (+) or Over (-) Harvest Results of FY 04	Annual FY 04 Adjustments including Dead Discards (3.8mt) and Transfers from Reserve	Baseline Allocation for FY 05	Subperiod or Subquota	Final Initial 2005 FY BFT Quotas
General	16.0	202.5	689.8	June - August September Oct - Jan New York Bight	908.3 539.0 269.5 89.8 10.0
Harpoon	11.5	21.4	57.1		90.0
Longline	48.6	-3.8	143.6	North NED South	188.4 51.6 64.7 72.1
Trap	2.3	0.0	1.5		3.8
Purse Seine	257.6	0.0	272.4		530.0
Angling	-65.1	65.1	288.6	<u>School</u> North South School Reserve <u>Lg Sch/Sm Med</u> North South <u>Trophy</u> North South	288.6 <u>117.2</u> 50.4 45.1 21.7 <u>164.8</u> 77.8 87.0 <u>6.6</u> 2.2 4.4
Reserve	298.3	-289.0	36.6		45.9
Total	569.2	N/A	1489.6		2055.0