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# Atlantic HMS Angler Catch Reporting

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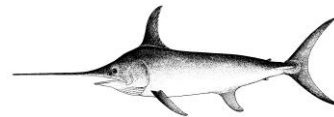
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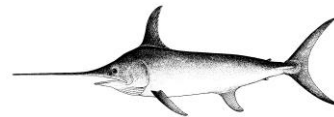
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# HMS Recreational Reporting

HMS recreational catch reporting supports ICCAT reporting and inseason management of several recreational quotas

- Three regional trophy bluefin tuna quotas
  - Bluefin tuna over 73" curved fork length (CFL)
  - Trophy North (Atlantic north of 39°18' N lat)
  - Trophy South (Atlantic south of 39°18' N lat)
  - Trophy Gulf of Mexico
- School bluefin angling quota (under 73" CFL)
- Bluefin tuna dead discard reports to ICCAT
- Swordfish Incidental Quota (recreational + commercial discards)
- Marlin 250 fish annual catch limit
  - Total landings of blue and white marlin and roundscale spearfish



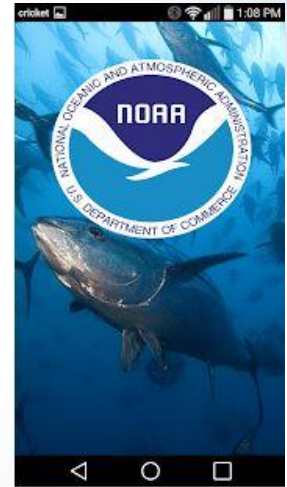
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- HMS Angling & Charter/Headboat Vessels
  - All bluefin tuna landings and dead discards, and non-tournament landings of swordfish, & billfishes (white & blue marlin, sailfish, and roundscale spearfish)
  - Reports due within 24 hours of trip completion
- Anglers with non-tournament landings of billfish and swordfish caught in Florida state waters are also required by the state to be reported to HMS



# HMS Recreational Reporting

- Vessel reporting options include:
  - Online via the HMS Permit Shop,
  - HMS Catch Reporting App,
  - Call in by phone,
  - Maryland and North Carolina anglers: states require catch card reporting for recreational bluefin tuna, billfish, and swordfish. MD also requires reporting of sharks.
- Working with GARFO and ACCSP to incorporate HMS reporting into eVTR and eTrips by 2021



# HMS Recreational Reporting

## ➤ Tournament Reporting

- All HMS landed as part of registered HMS tournaments are required to be reported by the tournament director
- Beginning in 2019, all registered HMS tournaments are selected for catch reporting
- Tournament catch reports are submitted through the online Atlantic Tournament Registration and Reporting system
- Bluefin tuna landed in tournaments must still be reported by the vessel



# Comment & Questions

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Atlantic HMS Website  
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/atlantic-highly-migratory-species>

NMFS Permit Shop  
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