

**Gulf Nova Scotia Fleet  
2021 Tuna Conservation Harvesting Plan  
Catch and Retain Charter Fishery**

Objective:

- To provide increased economic opportunities for GNS commercial Bluefin Tuna licence holders.

Description:

- Catch and Retain charter fishery for Bluefin Tuna.

Eligibility:

- Must be a Gulf Nova Scotia commercial Bluefin licence holder (includes Dhaliwal 10 licence holders).
- Must meet Transport Canada requirements for carrying passengers on board.

Season:

- July 19, 2021 – December 31, 2021
- A maximum of one trip per day.

Gear:

- Rod and Reel
- A maximum of four fishing rod lines may be in the water at any given time during tuna fishing activities. Lines shall be attended at all times and each line shall not have more than one hook attached. When a Bluefin Tuna is hooked all other lines shall be removed from the water.

Monitoring of Activity:

- Dockside Monitoring. The fishery is subject to 100% Dockside Monitoring coverage as outlined in the Conditions of Licence.
- Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) – The fishery is subject to 100% EMS coverage as outlined in the Conditions of Licence.
- The licence holder/ operator must notify Conservation & Protection at least 72 hours prior to departure so an EMS will be installed on the vessel prior to departure.
- Hail Out Requirements – The licence holder / operator must hail out at least 3 hours prior to departure as per the Conditions of Licence.

- Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Log Document – The tuna log obtained from a DFO approved supplier shall be maintained and submitted as outlined in the Conditions of Licence.
- Bluefin Tuna Catch Document (ICCAT) – The ICCAT document shall be completed in accordance with the instructions supplied when a tuna has been caught.

Tagging Requirements:

- All Bluefin tuna shall be tagged with a DFO issued commercial tag immediately after the fish is caught as per the Conditions of Licence.
- At least one (1) valid unused commercial tuna tag which has been issued to the licence holder / operator shall be onboard the vessel before commencing a fishing trip.

Tag Availability:

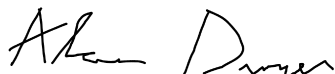
- In 2021, tags will be distributed via Canada Post ( Express Post -2 day delivery)
- Tag fee(s) will be available for payment through fishers' National Online Licensing System (NOLS) account.
- Licensing will complete mail out of tag(s) with Canada Post on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Dart tags are available from Gulf Nova Scotia Tuna Association executives. Dart tags shall be recorded in the Record of Tags along with DFO issued tags prior to any fishing activity.

Tag Transfer:

- No tag transfers are permitted in the Catch and Retain Charter fishery.
- The licence holder / operator may only use the initial tags they were issued under the Gulf Nova Scotia Commercial Tuna Harvesting Plan.

By-catch:

- All incidentally caught species will be returned immediately to the water in a manner that causes the animal least harm.



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