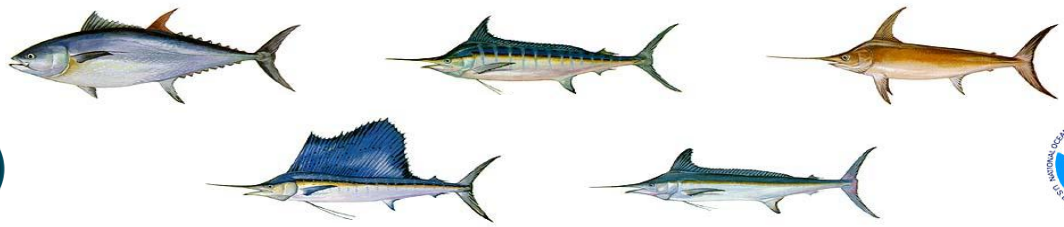
North Carolina Recreational Highly Migratory Species Reporting Information



North Carolina Recreational Highly Migratory Species Reporting Requirements

The following **Highly Migratory Species (HMS)**, Atlantic bluefin tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish, and swordfish, landed recreationally in North Carolina must have a **Landing Tag** affixed before removal from the vessel. Captains or operators from trailered vessels must have the Landing Tag affixed before the vessel is removed from the water. Captains or operators of permitted vessels in North Carolina must use this method instead of the NMFS call-in or website reporting process. **HMS released alive should not be reported. Highly Migratory Reporting Stations** have been established throughout coastal North Carolina. Please note that roundscale spearfish have been added to list of species that must be reported. They look very similar to white marlin.

2013 North Carolina Recreational HMS Landings

Updated 08/29/2013 (Number of Fish)

Month	2013 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Landings			
	Northern	Central	Southern	Total
Jan	1	0	0	1
Feb	12	0	0	12
Mar	175	0	0	175
Apr	13	0	0	13
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
Aug	0	0	0	0
Sept				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Total	201	0	0	201

Month	2013 Billfish Landings			
	Northern	Central	Southern	Total
Jan	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0
May	1	1	0	2
June	2	3	0	5
July	0	0	0	0
Aug	5	0	0	5
Sept				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Total	8	4	0	12

Highly Migratory Species Permit Information

Apply or Renew Online at NMFS Permit Shop (www.nmfspermits.com/) or by Phone at (888) 872-8862. If you have any questions about the reporting process, please contact Dallis Tucker (North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries,1-800-338-7804 or Dallis.Tucker@ncdenr.gov).