

Highly Migratory Species EFP, SRP, and Display Permit ANNUAL Report

This form is mandatory for all HMS exempted fishing, scientific research, and display permit holders; voluntary for all letter of acknowledgment permit holders. Please complete this form within 30 days of the expiration of your permit and submit electronically or Elsa.Gutierrez@noaa.gov or mail to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Elsa Gutierrez, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Permit Number: _____
 Vessel Name: _____
 Authorized Sampler (print): _____
 Was NMFS funding used to collect these specimens? (Circle one) Yes No

Certification: I certify that the information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW.
 Name of Permit Holder/Associate (print): _____
 Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: _____
 Date: _____

Species (Common Name)		Total Number Caught	Total Number Kept		Total Number Discarded		Total Number Tagged
			Alive	Dead	Alive	Dead	
Billfish	Blue Marlin						
	White Marlin						
	Longbill Spearfish						
	Atlantic Sailfish						
	Billfish Unspecified						
	Billfish Larvae						
Swordfish	Swordfish						
	Swordfish Larvae						
Tuna	Bluefin Tuna						
	Yellowfin Tuna						
	Bigeye Tuna						
	Albacore Tuna						
	Blackfin Tuna						
	Skipjack Tuna						
	Tuna Unspecified						
	Tuna Larvae						
Large Coastal Sharks	Sandbar						
	Silky						
	Tiger						
	Blacktip						
	Spinner						
	Bull						
	Scalloped Hammerhead						
	Lemon						
	Nurse						
	Great Hammerhead						
Other:							
Small Coastal Sharks	Finetooth						
	Bonnethead						
	Blacknose						
	Atlantic Sharpnose						
Pelagic Sharks	Blue						
	Porbeagle						
	Oceanic Whitetip						
	Common Thresher						
	Shortfin Mako						
Prohibited Sharks	Sand Tiger						
	Bigeye Thresher						
	Night						
	Dusky						
	Atlantic Angel						
Other:							
Protected Resources	Turtles (sp. _____)						
	Other:						

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Instructions for the Annual Report Form

NOTE: All data provided are confidential and will be used to determine the cumulative effects of exempted fishing activities on marine resources as well as provide scientific information on species that would otherwise be prohibited from collection/possession. Consistent and accurate reporting is critical for achieving the benefits of conservation and management of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species fisheries. This form is mandatory for all Exempted Fishing, Scientific Research, and Display Permit holders. This form is voluntary for all Letter of Acknowledgment Permit holders. If you have any questions, please contact the HMS Management Division at (301) 427-8503. For additional copies of the Interim Report Form, respondents may either make additional copies or contact the HMS Management Division at the number listed above.

STEP 1

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Permit Number: The permit number located at the top of each permit issued.
- Vessel Name: The name of the vessel authorized and used to collect or tag fish.
- Authorized Sampler (print): The name of the person authorized to sample, collect, or tag fish.
- Was NMFS funding used to collect these specimens? Circle yes or no, as appropriate.
- Name of Permit Holder/Associate: Printed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: Signed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Date: Date of signature as listed above.

STEP 2

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Species (Common Name): For each species caught during the life of the permit, please record the following information:
 1. Total Number Caught: Sum total = should equal the sum of the next five columns combined.
 2. Total Number Kept: Sum total of fish/protected resources kept dead as well as sum total of fish kept alive.
 3. Total Number Discarded: Sum total of fish/protected resources discarded dead as well as sum total of fish/protected resources discarded alive (excluding fish/protected resources tagged and released alive).
 4. Total Number Tagged: Sum total of fish/protected resources tagged. This sum does not include fish/protected resources discarded alive.

STEP 3

- Make copies of all interim report forms for your records.
- Submit electronically to elsa.gutierrez@noaa.gov or by mail the original interim report form to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Elsa Gutierrez, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.