



**NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
ATLANTIC TUNAS PERMIT APPLICATION**



(READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE APPLICATION)

Web Form-NA

SECTION 1 – OWNER INFORMATION

Owner Type: Individual *Partnership *Corporation

Owner or Corporation Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

* NOTE: A COPY OF THE LETTER OF PARTNERSHIP OR ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION IS REQUIRED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

SECTION 2 – VESSEL INFORMATION

Vessel Name:

*CG Documentation Number:

*State Registration Number:

* NOTE: A COPY (FRONT AND BACK) OF THE VESSEL'S COAST GUARD DOCUMENTATION OR STATE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Home Port: _____ (City, State) Principal Port: _____ (City, State)

Vessel Length: _____ (to nearest foot) Year Built: _____

Crew Size: _____ Construction: Wood Fiberglass Steel Other

Gross Tonnage: _____ Propulsion: Gasoline Diesel Other

Main Engine Horsepower: _____ Hold Capacity, if applicable: _____ (pounds)

PERMIT HISTORY

If this vessel has been previously permitted for Atlantic tunas, please enter previous tuna Permit Number here: _____

If canceling a previously issued vessel permit (because the vessel has been sold, destroyed, etc.) please indicate Permit Number to be canceled here: _____

***CHARTER / HEADBOAT INFORMATION**

No. of Passengers for Charter/Headboat, if applicable: _____

*NOTE: A COPY OF THE COAST GUARD LICENSE (ALSO CALLED THE CAPTAIN'S LICENSE) IS REQUIRED FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT PERMITS.

SECTION 3 – ATLANTIC TUNAS FISHERY INFORMATION

<u>Category (check only one)</u>	<u>Primary Gear Type (check only one)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter/Headboat	<input type="checkbox"/> Rod & Reel <input type="checkbox"/> Handline
<input type="checkbox"/> Incidental	<input type="checkbox"/> Purse <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed – e.g. Trap, Gillnet, <input type="checkbox"/> Longline
<input type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Handline <input type="checkbox"/> Rod & Reel <input type="checkbox"/> Harpoon <input type="checkbox"/> Bandit
<input type="checkbox"/> Harpoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Harpoon
<input type="checkbox"/> Angling (Recreational).....	<input type="checkbox"/> Rod & Reel <input type="checkbox"/> Handline

SECTION 4 – OWNER'S SIGNATURE The undersigned is the owner or legally-authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named in Section 1 above. Issuance of a permit in one of the commercial categories (categories other than Angling) subjects a vessel to applicable requirements of the Fishing Vessel Safety Act of 1988 (46 CFR 25.28)

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Print Name: _____

SECTION 5 – PAYMENT INFORMATION: There is an \$18.00 charge for an annual Atlantic tunas permit.

Check if paying by certified check or postal money and fill out the enclosed Application Payment Form. Money orders and certified checks should be made payable to **NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit**

Mail application package and payment to: **Dept. of Commerce, NOAA Tuna Permits
21056 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1210**

Check if paying by credit card and fill out the enclosed Application Payment Form:

Mail application package and payment to: **NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit
P.O. Box 26786, Salt Lake City, UT 84126-0786**

FEDERAL ATLANTIC TUNAS PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

An Atlantic Tunas permit is required to fish commercially and recreationally for bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye, albacore, and skipjack tunas, and to fish commercially for Atlantic bonito. If your application, documents and payment are complete, there is a 30 day processing period and you should receive your permit within this time limit. Questions on the permit application process? Call (800) 663-3879; for Tuna Fisheries regulations: (978)-281-9260 or (301)-713-2347; for Fishing Vessel Safety regulations: (617)-223-8315.

You may select only ONE category. After you choose your category, you are also allowed to make ONE change to your category, as long as the change is made before 15 May. Note that a category change requires the payment of an additional \$18 permitting fee.

COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES: Commercial size tuna taken under any of these categories may be sold.

- Atlantic Bluefin Tuna** (large medium and giant) 73 inches total curved fork length (TCFL)
- Yellowfin and Bigeye Tuna** 27 inches total curved fork length
- Other tunas** – There are no minimum commercial sizes.

CHARTER/HEADBOAT*: (handline, rod & reel): Conduct charter or headboat operations for Atlantic tunas including school, large school, small medium, large medium and giant Atlantic bluefin tuna under the Angling Category Quota and Catch Limits or General Category quota and Catch Limits, as applicable. Commercial size tunas taken aboard vessels permitted in the Charter/Headboat category may be sold to licensed dealers only. Tunas taken by recreational fishermen for personal use are counted against the Angling category quota.

***APPLICANTS MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THEIR U.S. COAST GUARD LICENSE (ALSO KNOWN AS CAPTAIN'S LICENSE) ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION.**

INCIDENTAL: Conduct operations that may result in the incidental taking of large medium and giant Atlantic bluefin tuna or the direct taking of other tunas under the Incidental Category Quota, while using the following types of gear:

- purse seine gear for herring, mackerel, or menhaden
- longline gear
- fixed gear (traps/pound nets/weirs/staked gillnets)

GENERAL: (handline, harpoon, rod & reel, bandit gear): Conduct a commercial fishery for Atlantic tunas including large medium and giant bluefin tuna under the General Category Quota.

HARPOON: Conduct a commercial harpoon fishery for Atlantic tunas including large medium and giant Atlantic bluefin tuna under the Harpoon Category Quota.

RECREATIONAL CATEGORY: The size classes of tuna to be taken under this category **MAY NOT** be sold. It is prohibited to retain or possess Young School (less than 27 inches TCFL) Bluefin tuna. Also, it is prohibited to retain or possess Yellowfin or Bigeye tuna less than 27 inches TCFL.

ANGLING : (handline, rod & reel): Conduct a recreational fishery for Atlantic tunas including school, large school small medium, large medium and giant Atlantic bluefin tuna under the Angling Category Quota and Catch Limits.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: Under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579), you are advised that disclosure of information requested in this form is mandatory for managing marine resources in accordance with the fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. (Public Law 94-265).

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT:

Collection of information through annual permitting serves three purposes: (1) it provides current information on the vessel owners participating in the Atlantic tuna fisheries. (2) it provides an up to date sampling frame that is the basis for fleet size calculations used for catch and effort estimates in fisheries that do not require mandatory reporting, thus enabling the U.S. to meet international obligations to report catch statistics for Atlantic tunas, and (3) aids NMFS in the enforcement of fishery regulations. Public reporting burden for this initial permit application of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completed & reviewing the collection of information. Permit renewals are accomplished by phoning the Automated Permitting System at (888) USA-TUNA [888-872-8862] **or by accessing the web site at www.usatuna.com.** Public reporting burden for renewal by telephone or web is estimated to average 6 minutes per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SF1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Providing the requested information in the permit application is mandatory for managing the Atlantic tuna fisheries in accordance with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.). It is agency policy not to release confidential information, other than in aggregate form, as the Magnusen Act protects (in perpetuity) the confidentiality of those submitting information. Summaries of permit information by category may be released. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

APPLICATION PAYMENT FORM

Mailing Instructions:

Mail Money Orders and Certified Checks with application materials to this address:

Dept. of Commerce, NOAA Tuna Permits, 21056 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1210

Date: _____

Payments should be **made payable to NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit**

Mail Credit Card Payments together with application materials to this address:

NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permits, P.O. Box 26786, Salt Lake City, UT 84126-0786

Owner Information Change: If you are using this form to change owner name or type from that printed on your current permit, please enter your permit number _____ and check this box: ()

Please fill out the following information and print clearly with black or blue ink:

Owner Type: (check one) () Individual () Partnership () Corporation	Vessel Number: _____
Owner Name: _____	Vessel Name _____
Address: _____	Category: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip: _____	Gear Type: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU ARE SUBMITTING THE CORRECT DOCUMENTS:

- Application Form
- Plus* ▪ Current State Vessel Registration (copied front & back)
Or Current U.S. Coast Guard Documentation (copied front & back)
- Plus* ▪ *Letter of Partnership, if owner type is a Partnership
- Plus* ▪ *Article of Incorporation, if owner type is a Corporation
- Plus* ▪ *U.S. Coast Guard License (also known as the Captain's License), if Charter/Headboat category is selected.

PAYMENT OPTION: A payment of \$18 is due with this application. (Check Payment Type)

- () Certified check enclosed (issued by bank), payable to **NMFS–Atlantic Tunas Permit**
- () Money order enclosed (preferably issued by bank or U.S. Post Office), payable to **NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit**
- () Credit card information is completed below:

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Credit Card Type (check one): () Visa () MasterCard Transaction Amount: \$18.00

Account Number: _____ Expiration Date (MM/YY): _____

Card Holder Name: _____

Account Billing Address (please complete for faster processing)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This checklist is provided for your convenience.

ATLANTIC TUNAS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM CHECKLIST

Payment Checklist:

- Credit Card information entered on enclosed Application Payment Form
- Credit Card is not expired
- Credit Card number is complete and clearly legible (Most cards have 16 digits)
- Credit Card Holder Name and Billing Address provided on the Application Payment Form
- Money Order - enclosed with Application Payment Form, **payable to NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit**
Money Orders must be issued by a bank or by the US Post Office
- Certified check – enclosed with Application Payment Form, **payable to NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit**
Certified Checks must be issued by a bank
- Personal Checks will **not be** accepted. They will be returned with all application materials.

Documentation Checklist:

- Copy (Front and Back) of vessel registration or Coast Guard Documentation enclosed -
- Partnership letter enclosed (Required if Owner Type = Partnership)
- Article of Incorporation enclosed (Required if Owner Type = Corporation)
- All materials must be mailed together with payment. **Materials that are mailed separately are not processed.**

Category Checklist

- My category choice is selected on the Application Form.
Category changes are allowed until 15 May, and only one category change is allowed per season.
- Charter Headboat Category – Since I chose the Charter Headboat Category, I completed the passenger capacity line on my application form. This is required information for this category.
- A copy of my current Coast Guard License (also known as Captain's License) is enclosed.

Mailing Checklist:

- Money Orders and Certified Check Payments** require that materials and payment, plus the Application Payment Form, should be addressed to:
Money Order /Certified Check Orders - Address:
Dept. of Commerce, NOAA Tuna Permits, 21056 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1210. After payment is deposited then materials are forwarded for processing in Salt Lake City.
 - Credit Card Payments can reduce processing time substantially**, but first make sure all of your credit card information is accurate and complete on your Application Payment Form. Double check the credit card number, expiration date, cardholder name and billing address. Mail credit card payments, together with application materials and the Application Payment Form directly to our processing department:
Credit Card Orders - Address:
NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permits, P.O. Box 26786, Salt Lake City, UT 84126-0786. Note:
 - Permits should be received within 30 days after the date the application, documents and payment is approved by the processing department. If your materials are complete, your permit will be received within that time frame.
- Q: Can I fax or FedEx my documents/payment?
A: No. You are strongly encouraged to start the license renewal process far enough in advance of any fishing trip or tournament so that there is plenty of time for normal processing of renewals/applications. We recommend a minimum of 30 days.
- Q: Can I use U.S. Post Office Express Mail?
A: Yes. Unlike FedEx, Express Mail can be delivered to our processing centers' post office box. Please do not include a self-addressed envelope, as it hinders the process of moving your renewal/application through the processing system and will not be used or returned.
- Questions?** Please call Customer Service at 1-800-663-3879 between the hours of 8:00AM – 8:00PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

August 11, 1998

Dear Atlantic Tunas Permit Applicant:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issues Federal fisheries permits for Atlantic tunas. These permits are renewable on an annual basis. Due to the increasing number of tuna permit requests, permit processing has been contracted to Nextlink Interactive, Inc., in Portland, Oregon, which uses an automated system to issue permits. Enclosed is an Atlantic tunas permit application package, which includes application instructions, a permit application form, a credit card payment form, and a notice of the control date for the Atlantic tuna fisheries.

In order for the application to be complete, you will need to provide the following:

A photocopy (front and back) of your vessel documentation (current United States Coast Guard (USCG) certificate for documented vessels, or a current state registration for undocumented vessels).

If the vessel is owned by a corporation, a photocopy of the Certificate of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, or an Annual Report including a list of all parties with an ownership interest of 5% or more.

If the vessel is to be permitted in the Charter/Headboat category, a photocopy (front and back) of the USCG Uninspected Passenger Vessel License (Captain's license) or Certificate of Inspection.

A completed credit card form, or if you prefer, you may pay by Postal Money Order, Bank Money Order, or Certified check in the amount of \$18.00. No personal checks can be accepted. Money Orders issued by merchants other than the U.S. Post Office or a commercial bank cannot be accepted.

Please fill out the enclosed form, following the instructions, and include copies of all necessary documentation.

If you are paying by credit card:

Please fill out the enclosed credit card form. You will then need to mail your vessel application, all necessary documentation, and credit card information to the following address:

**NMFS - Atlantic Tunas Permit
P.O. BOX 26786
Salt Lake City, UT 84126-0786**

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If you are paying by certified check, postal money order, or bank money order:

Certified checks, Postal Money Orders, or Bank Money Orders should be written to the order of **NMFS – Atlantic Tunas Permit** in the amount of \$18.00. As mentioned above, no personal checks can be accepted. Money orders must either be issued by the U.S. Post Office or by a commercial bank; any other type of money order cannot be accepted. Please mail your vessel application, all necessary documentation, and your payment to the following address:

**Dept. of Commerce, NOAA Tuna Permits
21056 Network Place
Chicago, IL 60673-1210**

Processing your order:

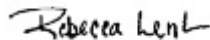
Nextlink will process your application and mail you a permit in approximately 1-2 weeks. The permit will have a NEW Atlantic tunas permit number. **SAVE THIS NUMBER.** You will need it to access the Automated Permit System to renew or change your permit in the future. The automated system can be reached at 1-888-USA-TUNA or <http://www.usatuna.com>.

Questions about permits and regulations:

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your permit, or if you have not received your permit within 30 days of submitting a complete application, please contact a **Nextlink customer service representative at 1-800-663-3879**. Customer service representatives are on duty Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, for your convenience.

For questions regarding tuna regulations, contact NMFS' Highly Migratory Species Management offices in Silver Spring, MD (301) 713-2347, or Gloucester, MA (978) 281-9260.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Lent
Chief, Highly Migratory Species
Management Division

Enclosures