

### Access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area

This document contains information on whether the vessel listed below with an Atlantic Tunas Longline permit has access to fish in the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area, during January through April, 2015.

Atlantic Tunas Longline permit holders with vessels eligible for initial IBQ shares that have demonstrated an ability to avoid bluefin and comply with reporting and monitoring requirements have been granted conditional access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area based on: (1) Ratio of bluefin interactions to designated species landings; (2) Compliance with the Pelagic Observer Program requirements; and (3) Compliance with HMS logbook reporting requirements. The initial assessment of performance metrics (i.e., the 2015 fishing year) is based on data from 2006 through 2012. Subsequent assessments (i.e., the 2016 fishing year) will be based on the most recent complete three-consecutive-year-period data that are available.

The F/V [vessel name], permit # [permit number], Vessel ID [vessel ID], is [QUALIFIED/NOT QUALIFIED] for access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area.

The specific historical data associated with your vessel that this determination is based upon, and the scoring methods, are described below.

**(1) Bluefin Avoidance Score:** Compare your Bluefin Interactions: Designated Species Landings Ratio (see separate document entitled “Your IBQ Tier, Share, and Allocation” Table 1, Item C) to the scale in Table 1 to determine your Bluefin Avoidance Score.

**Table 1.** Bluefin avoidance scores are based on a vessel’s Bluefin Interactions: Designated Species Landings Ratio. Ratios and Scores are based on data reported in the HMS Logbooks (2006 – 2012).

Ratio	0	>0 to <1	≥1 to <2	≥2 to <3	≥3
Bluefin Avoidance Score	5	4	3	2	1

Your Bluefin Interactions: Designated Species Landings Ratio for your vessel [vessel ID] is [ratio].  
Your Bluefin Avoidance Score is [score].

**(2) Pelagic Observer Program (POP) Compliance Score:** Your POP Compliance Score is based on data provided by the Pelagic Observer Program shown in Table 2. Use the “Percent Compliant” and the “Percent Observed” percentage from Table 2 to generate an “Initial POP Compliance Score” in Table 3 (refer to Figure 2.7 in Final Amendment 7 for further detail on scores). For example, if in Table 2 the “Percent Observed” is 50%, and the “Percent Compliant” is 90%, then in Table 3, the “Initial POP Compliance Score” would be 3.

**Table 2.** Your vessel-specific data regarding compliance and participation with the Pelagic Observer Program from 2006 through 2012.

Times Selected (A)	Times Observed (B)	Compliant But Not Observed (C)	Non-Compliant (D)	Non-Compliant With Fishing (E)	Percent Compliant (B+C) / A	Percent Observed (B/A)
[number]	[number]	[number]	[number]	[number]	[%]	[%]

**Table 3.** POP Compliance Scores are generated by comparing your POP data against the scoring system in the first two rows of this table.

Percent Compliant	100%	80-100%	80-100%	<80%	na
Percent Observed	90-100%	>60-90%	>33-60%	0-33%	na
Initial POP Compliance Score*	5	4	3	2	1

\*If there is evidence of non-compliant fishing, your score will be decreased by 1 point.

Evidence of Non-Compliant Fishing: **[YES/NO]**.  
 Your Vessel's Final POP Compliance Score is **[score]**.

**(3) Logbook Compliance Score:** NMFS generated Logbook Compliance Scores for your vessel by comparing the average number of days it took for logbook reports to be submitted to the Logbook Program (2006-2012) to the data ranges in Table 4.

**Table 4.** Compare the average number of days between offloading and receipt of your logbooks to the scoring system in this table to generate your Logbook Reporting Score.

Data Type	Days Between Offload and Mail Opening (Receipt)				
	≤ 7	>7 to ≤30	> 30 to ≤60	>60 to ≤90	> 90
Logbook Compliance Score	5	4	3	2	1

The average number of days to report your vessel's logbooks was **[average]**.  
 Your vessel's Logbook Compliance Score is **[score]**.

**Rules for Access:** Using your **Bluefin Avoidance Score**, **POP Compliance Score**, and **Logbook Compliance Score** and the rules in Table 5, you can determine whether you have access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted area and selected closed areas.

**Your Scores:**

<b>Bluefin Avoidance Score</b>	<b>[score]</b>
<b>POP Compliance Score</b>	<b>[score]</b>
<b>Logbook Compliance Score</b>	<b>[score]</b>

**Table 5.** Vessel owners should compare their bluefin avoidance scores, POP Compliance Scores, and Logbook Compliance Scores to the rules below to determine whether they have access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted area and selected closed areas.

Score	Access
<i>If</i> <b>Bluefin Avoidance Score</b> = 1	No
<i>If</i> <b>Bluefin Avoidance Score</b> is >1 and <b>POP Compliance Score</b> is = 1 or 2	<b>If Logbook Compliance Score</b> ≤ 3, No <b>If Logbook Compliance Score</b> ≥ 4, Yes
<i>If</i> <b>Bluefin Avoidance Score</b> > 1 and <b>POP Compliance Score</b> > 2	Yes

Appendix 11.7 in Final Amendment 7 provides further information on the application of performance metrics to determine vessel access to the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area.