



Advisory Announcement
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PACIFIC TUNA RETENTION AND LANDING REQUIREMENTS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) reminds fishers that Pacific tuna (e.g., albacore, skipjack, yellowfin, etc.) may only be taken on an experimental basis in the Eastern Gulf of Alaska Area under the conditions of a permit issued by the commissioner necessary for conservation or management purposes [5 AAC 28.179] whether targeted or caught as bycatch.

All fishers who wish to retain Pacific tuna must obtain an ADF&G commissioner's permit specifically authorizing the harvest of Pacific tuna. The commissioner's harvest permit application for Pacific tuna is available at area offices. In addition to the commissioner's harvest permit, a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim use permit for Miscellaneous Saltwater Finfish (M card) is required for the directed tuna fishery and must be issued for the specific gear type used to catch Pacific tuna. Pacific tuna may be taken only by hand troll, power troll, and mechanical jig gear. Pacific tuna caught as bycatch in the salmon troll fishery must be recorded on a groundfish fish ticket using the fisher's CFEC salmon troll permit card with the management program salmon troll bycatch (STB).

Permit holders may be required to submit fishery logbooks and provide biological samples upon request. Completed logbook pages must be attached to the ADF&G copy of the fish ticket at the time of delivery. Landed weights must be recorded on an ADF&G groundfish fish ticket by species at the time of delivery. If a fisher delivers fish in the round, the total round weight delivered must be recorded on the fish ticket. If a fisher delivers dressed fish, the fish ticket must include the total landed dressed weight as well as the round weight equivalent. Fish tickets must be completed prior to resuming fishing and each permit holder must retain copies of their fish tickets from the current season onboard the vessel.

Permit holders are reminded to ensure there is a market for the Pacific tuna prior to fishing. If you are not selling to an established processor, please contact dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov or call 907-465-6131 to obtain permits necessary to sell, buy, or export seafood products.

Additional requirements will be provided for in the commissioner's harvest permit. Please contact the ADF&G Sitka office, Groundfish Project, if you have any questions 907-747-6688.

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