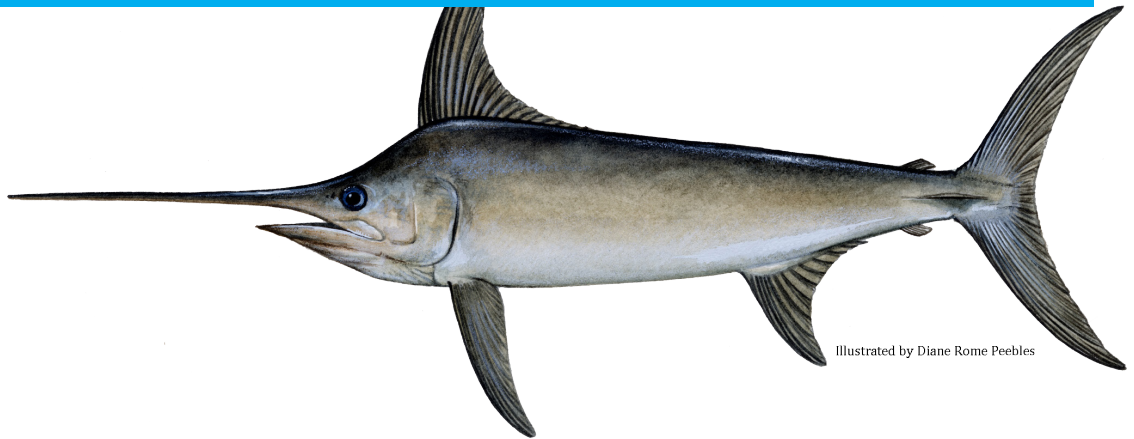


ATTENTION SWORDFISH ANGLERS



MD DNR - Catch Card
and Tagging Program
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Swordfish **MUST** have a catch card completed **AND** be tagged **BEFORE** being legally removed from the vessel. Catch cards are available from reporting stations at most marinas, tackle shops and online.

Exchange completed cards for a billfish tag (white) at the reporting station. Be sure to write the tag number on the card and place the tag on the swordfish.

If reporting stations are closed, obtain a billfish catch card by either:

- 1) printing a catch card PDF from dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx;
- 2) using the card provided below, or
- 3) visiting the after-hours kiosk at the Colonel Jack Taylor Boat House.

Complete both the card **AND** the receipt on the side. Retain the receipt and deposit the completed catch card into the Bluefin Tuna, Billfish and Shark kiosk located on the outside of the Natural Resources Police office in the Colonel Jack Taylor Boat House, 12917 Harbor Road, Ocean City Maryland.

Billfish/Swordfish Catch Card Receipt

Today's Date MM DD YYYY

Retain receipt for your records. Receipt replaces landing tag for after hours reporting.

HMS Permit #

Billfish/Swordfish tag #

Maryland Billfish Catch Card

Today's Date MM DD YYYY

Species (circle one) ☐ White Marlin / ☐ Roundscale Spearfish / ☐ Blue Marlin / ☐ Swordfish / ☐ Sailfish

Vessel Name _____

Registration # (State ID) _____

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Permit#

Fill in Atlantic HMS Permit# and Permit Holder's Name only if you have one. Registration number and Atlantic HMS Permit# are not needed if fishing from shore or in state waters.

Permit Holders Name _____

Trip Type (circle one) ☐ Charter / ☐ Private / ☐ Headboat

Length** (inches) _____ *Weight** (pounds) _____

* Measure from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail.
** Scale weight ONLY. Do not record estimated weight.

Reporting Station: _____

Was this fish caught during a tournament? (circle one) ☐ Yes / ☐ No

Tournament Name _____

Billfish/Swordfish Tag # _____

(Exchange the completed catch card for a tag at a reporting station)

This information collected is approved under OMB Control # 0648-0328 and expires on 05/31/2023

Tagging Location

Lower Jaw **Lower Jaw Fork Length** **Tail Fork**

*Measurement Description

- Complete a catch card for each landed billfish/swordfish.
- Exchange the completed catch card at a reporting station for a landing tag.
- Complete only one discard table per billfish/swordfish species per trip.
- The billfish/swordfish may be removed from a vessel or the vessel removed from the water with the fish onboard once the landing tag is attached.

Complete information on the number of billfish/swordfish releases from this trip.

SPECIES	#Released Alive	#Released Dead
Blue Marlin		
White Marlin		
Roundscale Spearfish		
Sailfish		
Swordfish		