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## 2018 Maryland Catch Card Program for Landed Bluefin Tuna, Swordfish, Billfishes, and Sharks

As part of the coastal effort to improve estimates of recreational catches of bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfishes, and sharks, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and National Marine Fisheries Service has designed a Catch Card Program to monitor these species. This program *requires mandatory reporting* using a catch card and tag for all bluefin tuna, swordfish, blue marlin, white marlin, roundscale spearfish, sailfish, and sharks (except spiny dogfish) recreationally landed in Maryland.

- Your vessel must have a valid highly migratory species permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service to fish for or keep bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfishes, or sharks. A person with a highly migratory species permit for their vessel cannot take it to another vessel without a permit.
- Anglers are required to complete a Maryland Bluefin Tuna Catch Card; Maryland Billfish Catch Card; or Maryland Shark Catch Card. Catch cards are available from reporting stations or online; return the completed card(s) to a reporting station in the Ocean City area to obtain a landing tag. This tag must be affixed to the bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfish, or shark prior to its removal from the vessel. Bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfishes or sharks on board trailered vessels are required to have the tag affixed to the fish before the vessel is removed from the water. If you land a shark from the surf, please visit the nearest reporting station for a card and tag. Kiosks have only cards available. Anglers keep the receipt and drop the completed card in the locked mailbox. The kiosk at the Colonel Jack Taylor Boathouse is to be used only after the marinas are closed.

Completing a catch card is fast. Most information can be copied from your highly migratory species permit. The catch card is perforated to provide the angler with a receipt. PDFs of the catch cards are available online at: [dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx). You can fill it out on the way to the reporting station to get your tag and save time.

### Maryland Catch Card Program Reporting Station Information [dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx](http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/Pages/coastal/tagging.aspx)

Station	Physical Address	City	Phone Number	Billfishes & Swordfish	Bluefin Tuna	Sharks	Time
Atlantic Tackle	12930 Sunset Ave.	West Ocean City	(410) 213-0421	X	X	X	Business Hours
Bahia Marina	2107 Herring Way	Ocean City	(410) 289-7438	X	X	X	Business Hours
Fisherman's Marina	12806 Sunset Ave.	Ocean City	(410) 213-2478	X	X	X	Business Hours
Ocean City Fishing Center	12940 Inlet Isle Lane West	Ocean City	(410) 213-1121	X	X	X	Business Hours
Pines Point Provisions and Seafood	869 Yacht Club Drive	Ocean Pines	(410) 641-2248	X	X	X	Business Hours
Sunset Marina	12911 Sunset Ave.	West Ocean City	(410) 213-9600	X	X	X	Business Hours
Talbot Street Pier & Marina	311 Talbot St.	Ocean City	(410) 289-9125	X	X	X	Business Hours
White Marlin Marina	205 Somerset St.	Ocean City	(410) 390-3850	X	X	X	Business Hours
Maryland Department of Natural Resources/Natural Resources Police Boat House Kiosk	Colonel Jack Taylor Boathouse 12917 Harbor Road	West Ocean City	(410) 213-1531	X	X	X	After Business Hours
Alltackle	12826 B Ocean Gateway	Ocean City	(410) 213-2840			X	Business Hours
Assateague Island National Seashore Visitor Contact Station/Campground Office	7206 National Seashore Lane	Berlin, MD	410-641-3030			X	Business Hours
Assateague Island National Seashore Visitor Contact Station/Campground Office Hunter's Station (Deer Checking)	7206 National Seashore Lane	Berlin, MD				X	After Business Hours
Buck's Place	11848 Assateague Rd.	Berlin, MD	(443) 513-4661			X	Business Hours
George Island Landing (Information kiosk only with no catch cards)	George Island Landing, end of Route 366	Stockton, MD				X	24 hours

**Note:** There are two boxes at the top right corner of all landing cards for the number of live releases and the number of dead releases. There is no penalty for dead releases. This information meets a reporting requirement to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. If turning in several catch cards for the same vessel/per day, please fill in the two boxes on only one of the cards per species.

**Identification Information:**

Tunas: [nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/tunas/documents/hms\\_tunas\\_id\\_guide\\_aug\\_2012.pdf](http://nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/tunas/documents/hms_tunas_id_guide_aug_2012.pdf).

Atlantic swordfish and billfishes: [nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/billfish/documents/hms\\_swo\\_billfish\\_id\\_guide\\_aug\\_2012.pdf](http://nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/billfish/documents/hms_swo_billfish_id_guide_aug_2012.pdf).

Sharks: [nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/sharks/shark\\_id\\_placard.pdf](http://nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/species/sharks/shark_id_placard.pdf).

Dusky, sandbar, and many other sharks are prohibited. If you cannot identify the species, let it go.