

Expression of Interest (EOI) to Participate in Tuna CHART 2020: Atlantic bluefin tuna scientific sport catch, tag and release fishery

Each applicant for a Section 14 authorisation (Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959) to target, catch, tag and release bluefin tuna off the Irish coast in 2020 must fill in the form below as fully as possible.

Please note the following:

- The EOI has two parts. Table 1 lists minimum criteria for qualifying vessels and applicants and Table 2 lists the qualifying angling and tagging criteria. Applicants will only be considered if their vessel satisfies all criteria in Table 1 and if they agree to the conditions.
- Copies of all supporting documents must be submitted with this application.
- Mandatory attendance at a training course will be required for all prospective Bluefin tuna Section 14 holders.
- Fitting and operation of a simple vessel monitoring system (VMS) for the duration of the scientific sport catch-and-release fishery will be a requirement of the authorisation. The authorised skipper will be obliged to pay a monthly VMS fee (circa €50/month)
- A Section 14 authorisation will only be issued following training and satisfactory final boat inspection. Verification of boat and equipment will be carried out by local IFI fisheries officers at the boat port by prior arrangement. Failure to have any of the required documentation or equipment will result on the non-issuing of the authorisation.
- An authorisation will be awarded to the applying **skipper**, as this is the person who will be responsible for good handling of the bluefin tuna and data recording and reporting. The authorised skipper **MUST** be on board every bluefin tuna angling trip.
- It is envisaged that authorisations will be awarded on a proportional basis, based on the distribution of eligible applicants and to provide broad coverage around the coastline.

Contact Details:

Skipper Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Email: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Vessel Name: _____

Vessel Registered number (if available): _____

Vessel Call Sign (EI Number): _____

Home Port: _____

Planned Vessel Port(s) during open season (if successful) (max. two locations): _____

N.B. location of planned port during open season will be used to spatially distribute authorisations)

Please submit a photograph of the vessel

Please submit a copy of the vessels passenger licence

Please rename all files to include the skipper name before uploading if possible

All personal data is collected, processed and held by Inland Fisheries Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the EU Regulation 2016/679 General Data Protection Regulation ('GDPR').

I have read and understood the Privacy Notice (link to Privacy Notice here).



Table 1 - Minimum criteria for qualifying vessels

Criteria No.	Please note applicants may only proceed to the Phase 2 if they pass <u>all of the criteria</u> below.	Response
1	Confirmation that the applicant has or will be in a position to obtain Public Liability insurance of not less than €2.6 million and Employers Liability of €13 million (if applicable).	Yes / no
2	Confirmation that the required Safety Equipment as per Passenger licence is on board, serviced and functioning properly.	Yes / no
3	The vessel must meet the minimum Vessel Technical Specification . Vessel must:	
	a. be at least 7 meters in length and less than 15 meters	Yes / no
	b. have a minimum of a P3 Passenger licence (please forward a copy of the licence with application) N.B. authorisation will not supersede existing licence conditions	Yes / no
	c. be able to stay at sea for at least 12 hours	Yes / no
	d. be suitable for offshore angling operations	Yes / no
	e. have space for at least two anglers	Yes / no
	f. have space for up to two external personnel (scientist and/or observer)	Yes / no
4.	Willingness to operate under specific Section 14 conditions (required):	
	a. to operate with a minimum of two people on board the vessel as part of the tagging team – one can be angler.	a. yes/no
	b. to fit and operate a simple vessel monitoring system (VMS).	b. yes/no



	c. to co-operate with licensing/inspection requirements (boarding/boat & logbook inspections/landing inspections)	c. yes/no
	d. to only use the permitted angling methods within the Tuna CHART programme.	d. yes/no
	e. to use electronic logbooks (tagging/effort & catch reporting) and submit the data within 24 hours.	e. yes/no
	f. to ensure best practise fish handling by all crew	f. yes/no
	g. to facilitate scientists/ fishery observer(s) (as required)	g. yes/no
	h. to agree to have correctly rated gear in advance of the open season as specified by the Tuna CHART team.	h. yes/no

Table 2 – Qualifying skippering, data collection and angling criteria

No.	Criteria	Response	Max points
1.	Charter fishing Experience		
	a. Number of years operating as a charter skipper in Irish waters	a. Insert text here	15
	b. Total number of days bluefin tuna fishing under Tuna CHART 2019 (1-3 days bluefin tuna fishing will earn a maximum of 5 points).	b. Insert text here	15
	c. Total number of days charter fishing (all species) in 2019	c. Insert text here	15
	d. Total number of days charter fishing (all species) in 2018	d. Insert text here	15
		Max points for this criteria	60
2.	Previous experience in undertaking <u>data collection</u> work. Applicants should describe <i>in detail</i> previous work undertaken - Under the following headings		
	a. Fish tagging work	a. Insert text here	25
	b. Recording data	b. Insert text here	15
	c. Reporting data	c. Insert text here	15
	d. Collecting biological samples	d. Insert text here	10
		Max points for this criteria	65
3.	Use of technology / computers in your work or study. Applicants should describe their previous experience in detail.	Insert text here	15
		Max points for this criteria	15



4.	Angling experience targeting tuna, marlin and/or large pelagic fish. Applicants should describe their previous experience in detail.		
	a. 5 years or more but less than 10 years	a. Insert text here	15
	b. 10 years or more	b. Insert text here	30
		Max points for this criteria	30
		Max. Available Points	170

Applications may be filled in on the online form or can be submitted in writing to:

Tuna CHART, Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, D24 Y265

or by email to the Tuna CHART team at infobluefin@fisheriesireland.ie

Closing date for completed applications is 13:00 hrs on 6th March 2020