

Expression of Interest to Participate in Tuna CHART – Catch And Release Tagging: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Data Collection Programme

Prospective applicants for Section 14 authorisations to target, catch, tag and release Bluefin tuna off the Irish coast in 2019 should fill in the form below as fully as possible.

Please note the following:

- Table 1 lists minimum criteria for qualifying vessels. Applicants will only be considered if their vessel passes all criteria in Table 1.
- Copies of all supporting documents are required with this application. Please tag all files with your name if sending electronically.
- Mandatory attendance at a training course will be required for all Bluefin tuna Section 14 holders.
- Fitting and operation of a simple vessel monitoring system (VMS) may be a requirement of the authorisation.
- Section 14 authorisations will be issued following training and final boat inspection. Verification of boats 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.
- Authorisations will be awarded on a proportional basis, based on the distribution of eligible applicants.

Contact Details:

Skipper Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Vessel name and registered number: _____

Current home port: _____

Planned Vessel Port during open season (if successful): _____

Please submit photograph of vessel

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 – Phase 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 |
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| 1 | Confirmation that tenderer 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 is on board, serviced and functioning properly – a statement from the vessel owner to be forwarded with this application | 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 license with application) (authorisation will not supersede existing license 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 2 external personnel (scientist and/or observer) | Yes / no |
| 4. | Willingness to operate under specific Section 14 conditions: | |



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| | a. to operate with a minimum of 3 crew (to include the skipper, crew member and 1 other – can be angler) | a. yes/no |
| | b. to fit and operate a simple Vessel Monitoring system if required | b. yes/no |
| | c. to co-operate with licensing/inspection requirements (boarding/boat & logbook inspections/landing inspections) | c. yes/no |
| | d. to use electronic logbooks (tagging/effort & catch reporting) if required | d. yes/no |
| | e. to ensure best practise fish handling by all crew | e. yes/no |
| | f. to facilitate scientists/ fishery observer(s) (as required) | f. yes/no |
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Table 2 – Angling and data collection qualifying criteria

| No. | Criteria | Response | Suggested Max points |
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| 1. | Previous experience in undertaking data collection work. Applicants should describe in detail previous work undertaken. | | |
| | a. Fish tagging work | a. Insert text here | 25 |
| | b. Experience in undertaking marine research surveys | b. Insert text here | 15 |
| | c. Carriage of fisheries scientists/observers | c. Insert text here | 10 |
| | d. Good data reporting record | d. Insert text here | 10 |
| | e. Collection of biological samples | e. Insert text here | 10 |
| | | Max points for this criteria | 70 |



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| 2. | Angling experience: demonstrate a minimum of 5 years' experience of sea angling activity. Applicants should describe in detail previous experience. | | |
| | a. 5 years or more but less than 10 years - state country of activity. | a. Insert text here | 10 |
| | b. 10 years or more - state country of activity. | b. Insert text here | 20 |
| | | Max points for this criteria | 20 |
| 3. | Experience targeting large pelagic fish. Applicants should describe in detail previous experience. | | |
| | a. 5 years or more but less than 10 years | a. Insert text here | 10 |
| | b. 10 years or more | b. Insert text here | 20 |



| | | Max points for this criteria | 20 |
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| 4. | Equipped to target large pelagic fish. | | |
| | Have, or will have, two weeks in advance of the opening date of the season, suitably rated fishing gear. Please provide description of rods and other equipment. Use separate sheet if necessary and include photographs. | Insert text here | 20 |
| | | Max points for this criteria | 20 |
| | | Max. Available Points | 130 |

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

Bluefin tuna data collection programme, Inland Fisheries Ireland, 3044 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, D24 Y265.

or by email to Sandra.doyle@fisheriesireland.ie

Closing date for applications is 17:00 hrs on 9th June, 2019.