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2016 Bluefin Tuna Open Season

The Department of the Environment and Climate Change (DECC) would like to inform all recreational anglers that the open season for Bluefin tuna in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters commences on Thursday 16th June 2016 and ends on 14th October 2016. Anglers are reminded that a Class K licence is required to fish for Bluefin tuna in Gibraltar. Licence application forms are available online from the DECC's website <https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/marine-protection---permits>

There will be a total allowable catch of 13 tonnes after which the season will close.

A dedicated office and landing point has once again been created by the DECC within the North Mole (No. 1 Jetty). Anglers are advised that all tuna catches must be reported and weighed at the landing point. Vessels will be able to dock and report any tuna catches from 08:00 to 14:30 (Monday-Saturday). Any catches landed from 14:30 to sunset must also be weighed and reported by contacting the on-call landing point staff on mobile number 54020033. This service will also be operational on Sundays and public holidays. The landing point staff will assist anglers in completing the required catch form and should be contacted as soon as a fish is landed on board a vessel.

Details on minimum weights and sizes are set out in the Tuna Preservation Regulations. For further information on the Bluefin tuna open season please contact the Department of the Environment and Climate Change on Tel: 200 48450.