

15A NCAC 03M .0520 TUNA

(a) It shall be unlawful to possess for recreational purposes any of the following:

- (1) yellowfin tuna less than 27 inches curved fork length;
- (2) bigeye tuna less than 27 inches curved fork length; and
- (3) more than three yellowfin tuna per person per day.

(b) It shall be unlawful to possess in a commercial fishing operation any of the following:

- (1) yellowfin tuna less than 27 inches curved fork length or 27 inches from the fork of the tail to the forward edge of the cut of beheaded tuna;
- (2) bigeye tuna less than 27 inches curved fork length or 27 inches from the fork of the tail to the forward edge of the cut of beheaded tuna;
- (3) Atlantic bluefin tuna less than 73 inches curved fork length or 54 inches pectoral fin curved fork length; and
- (4) tuna subject to a size or harvest restriction without having the tail attached.

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