



Notice to PEI Bluefin Tuna License Holders

The Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO) will be announcing the details of the 2026 commercial PEI Bluefin tuna fishery soon. DFO has confirmed the 2026 registration for the PEI tuna fishery will be administered by the PEIFA at a cost of \$250/fisher including HST. This fee will cover the cost of the Mexican quota and general fleet improvement activities. For 2026, a deadline for registration of Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 at 4:30PM is implemented for payment and registration. Fishers will need to pay the registration fee by the deadline in order to participate in the 2026 fishery. No late registrations are accepted by DFO, similar to the PEI halibut fishery registrations thus will not receive a tuna tag from DFO. The tags remaining from those fishers choosing not to register will be redistributed to the next tuna fisher(s) on the Canadian draw list.

The PEI commercial tuna fishery is anticipated to open on July 1st, similar to 2025, however final confirmation on management measures is pending from DFO.

Commercial tuna fishers are **required** to register for the 2026 PEI Commercial tuna fishery with the PEIFA during the online registration period in order to participate in the 2026 PEI tuna fishery.

~ REGISTRATION DETAILS ~

Registration Dates: From Monday, June 1st until Tuesday June 30th, 2026 at 4:30PM

Fee: \$250.00 including HST

Payment Method: Online payment with credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or AMEX). Contact the PEIFA Office if you require another method of payment.

How to Register: Fishers can register online from Monday, June 1st to Tuesday, June 30th at 4:30PM at www.peifa.org and click the tab “Registrations & Renewal” link, then “Bluefin Tuna Registration” to enter registration info and the secure link for payment will follow OR register in person OR over the phone by calling 902-566-4050 Ext #1 or #2 to reach the PEIFA Office from Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30PM.

Required Information: Fisher’s name (and company name if applicable), phone #, FIN #, homeport, vessel name, VRN #, tuna license #.

Registrations after 4:30PM, Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 will NOT be accepted.

There will be NO REFUNDS on Registration fees.

The list of registered fishers will be submitted to DFO and DFO will only distribute tags to tuna fishers who have officially registered during the timeframe.

For further information on the registration contact the PEIFA at 902-566-4050 Ext #1 or #2.

A copy of the 2026 PEI Bluefin Tuna Conservation Harvesting Plan and the 2026 DFO Notice to Fish Harvesters will be posted on the website at www.peifa.org as soon as they become available.

For more information on the management plan, contact Chris Mills, DFO Chief Resource Manager at Chris.Mills@dfo-mpo.gc.ca