

# ***Notice to Fish Harvesters***

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## **2017 PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS AND SEASON DATES IN THE BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERY**

**Charlottetown** – July 6, 2017 - The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Gulf Region, wishes to advise that creating partnerships in the Bluefin Tuna Fishery for Prince Edward Island licence holders will be continued for the 2017 season. If you intend to enter into a partnership, you must fill out the attached form and return it to the PEI Area Office at 165 John Yeo Drive, Charlottetown or by fax to 902-566-7848 or by email to [derrick.cummiskey@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:derrick.cummiskey@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). The deadline to submit the form is July 26, 2017. Partnerships will not be created after this date.

**NEW FOR 2017** – Partnership arrangements will remain valid to December 31, 2017, unless you indicate on the attached form that you wish to end the partnership on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Season dates:

First Fishing Period – 5:00 hrs August 1, 2017 to 23:59 hrs September 26, 2017

Reallocation fishery – 5:00 hrs September 29, 2017 to December 31, 2017 or when quota is caught.

Tuna tags will be available in person at the PEI Area Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning July 18th.

Details on partnerships are as follows:

- Partnerships will remain valid to December 31, 2017 unless DFO is otherwise notified
- Once a partnership is created, it will remain in place at a minimum until September 26, 2017.
- To be eligible to enter into a partnership arrangement, fishers must have a commercial tuna licence and be eligible to receive a DFO issued tuna tag.
- A maximum of two licence holders will be permitted to create a partnership.
- Both fishers must be in the vessel while fishing for tuna.

Other details regarding the management plan will be released at a later date.

For questions please contact Chris Mills, A/Chief Resource Management, PEI Area at 902-566-7807 or [chris.mills@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:chris.mills@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

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## PEI TUNA PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ wish to partner with  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2017 tuna season

If you wish to end the partnership after September 26, 2017 please check here,

Otherwise the partnership will remain in place until the end of the season.

**PRIMARY LICENSE HOLDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

F.I.N.: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ V.R.N: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDARY LICENSE HOLDER:** \_\_\_\_\_

F.I.N.: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

***I understand I must be on-board for all tuna fishing activity.***

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**Primary Fisher signature**

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**Secondary Fisher signature**

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**Date**