

Good Afternoon,

I wish to inform Gulf Nova Scotia (GNS) tuna licence holders of changes in 2020 with respect to:

- Payment and acquisition of tuna tags;
- Tuna Tag Transfer Process.

Payment and Acquisition of Tuna Tags

In 2020, tuna tags will be distributed via Canada Post (Express Post – 2 day delivery). Tuna tags will not be issued in person at the GNS Area Office in Antigonish, NS .

Tuna tag fees are available for payment through fishers' National Online Licensing (NOLS) accounts today.

Tuna tag(s) will be mailed from Antigonish via Canada Post on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week starting July 29, 2020. Payment of your tuna tag fee(s) **prior to these days** ensures mail out of tuna tag(s) on above mentioned days.

Licensing Service Centre (LSC) in Antigonish, NS will mail tuna tags to fishers upon confirmation that:

- Tuna tag fee(s) have been paid through fishers' NOLS account and
- Fisher has been issued a tuna licence for 2020.

The envelope you receive from LSC will contain the following:

- Tuna Tag(s) assigned to you;
- ***Annex II – Record of Tags- 4RST/4Wd;***
- ICCAT form(s).

If fisher has paid for tuna tag(s) and has not been issued a licence for 2020, they will only be mailed tuna tags once tuna licence is issued to them for 2020. If you have not been issued a tuna licence for 2020 and have questions regarding this contact Licensing by phone at [1-855-634-2355](tel:1-855-634-2355) or email: gulfinfogolfe@dfo-mpo.gc.ca .

Tuna Tag Transfers

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In 2020, tuna tag transfers will be initiated through NOLS. Tuna tag transfers will not be done in person at the GNS Area Office in Antigonish, NS.

LSC will process requests for tuna tag transfers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week starting July 29, 2020. The fisher who is transferring entitlement of tuna tags (*Requestor*) will submit a request through their NOLS account **prior to above mentioned days** to ensure request is processed in a timely manner.

For instructions on "***Submitting a Request and Checking the Request Status Step-by-Step***" please refer to this link:

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/sdc-cps/products-produits/request-demande-eng.html>

- **Chose Request Type: “Licensing Services Not Listed Above”. In the Comments section of request please provide the following information:**
 - Tuna licence number of Requestor;
 - Number of tuna tags Requestor intends to transfer;
 - Tuna tag numbers and ICCAT Form numbers of Requestor;
 - Name of fisher receiving entitlement of tuna tags (*Recipient*):
 - FIN (Fisher Identification Number) of Recipient;
 - Tuna licence number of Recipient.

- Upon receipt of NOLS request with all information referenced above, *LSC* will:
 - Confirm that Requestor and Recipient have been issued tuna licence for 2020 and have been shipped tuna tags for 2020;
 - Upon confirmation, *LSC* will forward ***Gulf Nova Scotia Transfer of Entitlement of Tuna Tags for 4RST/4Wd to September 30, 2020*** form to the Requestor for signature.
 - The Requestor returns the signed form to *LSC* via NOLS request or by e-mail to gulfinfogolfe@dfo-mpo.gc.ca ;
 - Once *LSC* receives signed form from Requestor they will then forward form for signature to Recipient via e-mail address in Recipient’s NOLS profile;
 - Recipient will return signed form to *LSC* by e-mail to gulfinfogolfe@dfo-mpo.gc.ca ;

- *LSC* will then provide each fisher with :
 - Amended ***Annex II – Record of Tags – 4RST/4Wd***;
 - ***Gulf Nova Scotia Transfer of Entitlement of Tuna Tags for 4RST/4Wd to September 30, 2020*** signed by DFO.

It is the responsibility of Requestor to ensure that they provide the Recipient with the tuna tags and ICCAT forms for which they have transferred entitlement.

*It is the responsibility of the Recipient to ensure that they have **Amended Annex II – Record of Tags – 4RST/4Wd** reflecting additional tuna tags with their 2020 tuna licence and conditions when fishing.*