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scales, holds, and any other space used to hold, process, weigh, or store fish; and

(5) Allow the observer to inspect and copy the vessel's log, communications logs, and any records associated with the catch and distribution of fish for that trip.

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§ 285.9 Archival tags.

(a) *Reserved.*

(b) *Landing.* Notwithstanding other provisions of this part, any person may catch, possess, retain, and land any regulated species in which an archival tag has been affixed or implanted, provided that person complies with all requirements of paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Landing report.* The person possessing, retaining, or landing, under the authority of paragraph (b) of this section, a regulated species in which an archival tag has been affixed or implanted must contact the NMFS, Southeast Science Center (1-800-437-3936) or any NMFS enforcement office (a list of local NMFS enforcement offices can be obtained from the Director) prior to, or at the time of landing, furnish all requested information regarding the location and method of capture, and, as instructed, remove the tag and return it to NMFS or make the fish available so that a NMFS scientist, enforcement agent, or other person designated in writing by the Director may inspect the fish and recover the tag.

(d) *Quota monitoring.* If a regulated species landed under the authority of paragraph (b) of this section is subject to a quota, the fish shall be counted against the applicable quota category consistent with the fishing gear and activity which resulted in the catch. In the event such fishing gear or activity is otherwise prohibited under applicable provisions of this part, the fish shall be counted against the scientific reserve quota established for that species.

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Subpart B—Atlantic Bluefin Tuna  
(*Thunnus thynnus thynnus*)

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§ 285.20 Fishing seasons.

(a) *Commencement.* Fishing in the regulatory area for Atlantic bluefin tuna will begin

(1) On January 1 of each year:

(i) For anglers fishing for Atlantic bluefin tuna under the quota specified in § 285.22(d);

(ii) For vessels permitted in the Incidental Catch category fishing under the quota specified in § 285.22(e); and

(iii) For anglers participating in the tag and release program under § 285.27.

(2) On June 1 of each year:

(i) For vessels permitted in the General category fishing under the quota specified in § 285.22(a), and

(ii) For vessels permitted in the Harpoon Boat category fishing under the quota specified in § 285.22(b).

(3) On August 15 of each year:

(i) For vessels permitted in the Purse Seine category fishing under the quota specified in § 285.22(c).

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) Consistent with the Convention, the Act and this part, the Assistant Administrator may change the commencement date under this section for any vessel permit category or person (angler) if the Assistant Administrator determines that the changed date will enable scientific research on the status of the stock to be conducted more effectively and will not prevent the quotas for the affected fishery from being caught, based upon historical catch data or other relevant information. The Assistant Administrator will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER of any change in the commencement date(s) for fishing under this section at least 60 days before commencement of the affected fishery.

(b) *Closure.* (1)(i) NMFS will monitor catch and landing statistics, including catch and landing statistics from previous years and projections based on those statistics, of Atlantic bluefin tuna by vessels other than those permitted in the Purse Seine category. On