

## **LAS EMBARCACIONES DE RECREO CON BANDERA DE ESTADOS SIN CUOTA COMO ALEMANIA, BELGICA O EL REINO UNIDO, NO PUEDEN PESCAR ATÚN ROJO.**

Según confirma Lowri Evans, Directora General de Asuntos Marítimos y Pesquerías de la Comisión Europea, sólo los Estados Miembros con cuota pueden tener pesquerías recreativas de atún rojo.

Plantea la posibilidad de que un Estado Miembro sin cuota pueda obtenerla (comprarla) de otro a Estado Miembro.

Por tanto las embarcaciones de recreo de países que componen la Unión Europea pero que no tienen cuota como:

Reino Unido, Alemania, Bélgica, Holanda, Luxemburgo, Austria, Dinamarca, etc no pueden pescar atún rojo.

Obviamente de esta afirmación se deduce que las embarcaciones de recreo con bandera NO COMUNITARIA y que no son parte contratante de ICCAT, tampoco pueden pescar atún rojo. Por tanto las embarcaciones por ejemplo con bandera de Panamá o Gibraltar tampoco pueden pescar atún rojo.



### **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Dear Ms Caggiano,

Thank you for your letter of 15 November 2011 in which you asked for clarification regarding the regulations for recreational fishing of bluefin tuna. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 15 of Council Regulation 302/2009 which states that "*each Member State shall allocate a specific quota for the purpose of recreational and sport fisheries and shall inform the Commission before the start of the fishing season [...]*", only those Member States with a bluefin tuna quota may fish bluefin tuna within sport and recreational fisheries.

Your reference to tourists which may fish bluefin tuna while on vacation in the Mediterranean would in most cases be doing so on vessels from the Mediterranean and hence from Member States involved in the fishery and with a quota for bluefin tuna. Vessels flagged in Member States without a quota would not be able to catch bluefin tunaj although it ultimately remains the decision of each Member State concerned, since they may wish to obtain quota from another Member State.

Yours sincerely,

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