

Tag-A-Giant Foundation

Ensuring the Future of Bluefin Tuna

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Introducing the Tag-A-Giant Foundation

Giant bluefin tuna—monumental in size, speed, power, and value. The high bounty offered for their ruby red flesh has made their future uncertain. The Tag-A-Giant Foundation was founded in 2006 to ensure a future for northern bluefin tuna in the Atlantic and Pacific. By pursuing scientific research that will inform and improve fisheries management, we are working to protect these magnificent fishes. [More details...](#)



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TAG 2007— Reports from the Field

This year marked the eleventh tagging season for the TGF team. Over the last ten months, we've tagged bluefin tuna in the U.S., France, New Zealand, and Canada. Our global pursuit shows how we've grown over the last decade. We've tagged 62 Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tuna in total so far this year, ranging in size from 40 to over 1,000 pounds! [More details...](#)



Tag Ticker

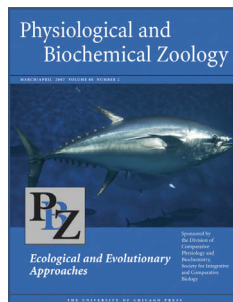
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Atlantic	976	410
Pacific	444	213

Data Highlight: A bluefin tuna archival-tagged in North Carolina in 1997 aboard the Raptor was recently recaptured by the TAG vessel Bay Queen IV in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The male fish was 193 cm (76") when tagged. Ten years later, it had grown about 10 cm per year and was 293 cm (115", or 9.5ft!) at recapture. The ~17.5 year old fish tipped the scale at 1,142 lbs!

Did You Know? The world record bluefin tuna was caught off Nova Scotia in 1979 and weighed in at 1,496 pounds!

Hot Off the Press

Recent TGF publications provide intriguing new insights into bluefin tuna biology and behavior. The groundbreaking results range from the mechanism behind the bluefin's Olympic physiology to courtship behavior of breeding bluefin to migrations of fish tagged off the coast of Ireland. [More details...](#)



Bluefin Policy Update

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