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**Foreign Sports Fishing Vessel License
Terms and Conditions**

1. All foreign sports fishing vessels must have a 'Sports fishing license' to fish in Bermuda waters.
2. A Bermuda sports fishing vessel license identification flag must be flown on the starboard side of the vessel whenever it is engaged in any fishing activities. (Flags must be returned to the Department of Environmental Protection before departure from Bermuda.)
3. Vessels may be inspected by officers of the Department of Environmental Protection at any time.
4. Sports fishing vessels may engage in offshore pelagic fishing only. Fishing on the Bermuda platform is not permitted at any time.
5. Owners/operators are required to record and submit catch and release data on their fishing.
6. The landing of any blue or white marlin must be reported to the Marine Resources Section at 705-FISH as soon as the fish has been boated so that the fish can be inspected by Fisheries Officers. However efforts must be made to release all fish that are not of a size to be potential record breakers.
7. Fish catches cannot be sold or bartered.
8. A Foreign Fishing Vessel License does not permit a vessel to be chartered or offered for charter in Bermuda waters.

**Operators of recreational/sports fishing vessels are encouraged to keep only as much fish as they can consume, and to release any additional fish.*