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BELIZE HIGH SEAS FISHING UNIT

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN FISHING AND/OR RELATED ACTIVITIES

Please read the explanatory note carefully before completing this form.

Completion of this Form

- This application form **MUST** be completed electronically.
- This application form **MUST** be signed and stamped fore it is submitted to the Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit

The provision of false or misleading information could lead to the application being rejected or a license issued to be revoked or suspended.

SECTION A

I/We wish to apply for the following license type(s) Please tick the appropriate box

<input type="checkbox"/>	High Seas Fishing License	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit for Fishing Support Vessels
<input type="checkbox"/>	Authorization to Transport Marine Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	Authorization for Permit to Operate in the EEZ of another State

SECTION B

1. Vessel details – A current certificate of Registry must be enclosed with the application to enable these details to be verified.

Vessel Name:		Registration Number	Call Sign	IMO Number	
Gross Tons	Net Tons	Length Overall	Registered Length	Breadth	Depth
Name and Place of Builders		Year Built	Type of Vessel		Engine Power

2. Ownership Information – Names(s) and Address (es) of beneficial Owner(s)/Operator(s) to whom the license is/ar to be granted (see explanatory notes)

Name and Permanent Physical address of Owners	Name and Permanent Physical address of Operators
Contact Details Tel: Fax: Email Address:	Contact Details Tel: Fax: Email Address:

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3. Nominee Details – Name and address of the person/company to whom all licenses, notices, instructions and other documents are to be sent (see explanatory notes)

Name and Address of Owners Nominee	Contact Details of Owners Nominee	
	Tel:	
	Fax:	
	Email Address:	

4. Vessel Activities

Area of Operation and Species – **VESSEL TARGETING TUNA AND TUNA LIKE SPECIES**

RFMO AREA (see explanatory note)	Coordinates of Area of Operation or EEZ areas(a)	Species to be targeted (see explanatory notes)

Area of Operation and Species – **VESSELS TARGETING NON-TUNA SPECIES**

Coordinates of Area of Operation or EEZ area(s)	Species to be Targeted

Area of Operation and Coordinates – **VESSELS WHICH ENGAGE IN THE CARRIAGE OF MARINE RESOURCES**

Fishing Gear	Fish Hold Volume	Type of Refrigeration	Carrying Capacity	Maximum Freezing Temperature

Intended Ports of Delivery	Method of Processing and Landing Fish

5. Crew Information

Beside each Deck and Engine position indicate the number of each on board and their nationality

Deck	No	Nationality	Engine	No	Nationality
Master			Chief Engineer		
Chief Mate			Second Engineer		
Watchkeeping Officer			Watchkeeping Engineer		
Watchkeeping Deck Rating			Chief Electrician		
Deck Rating			Watchkeeping Engine Rating		
Other			Other		

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SECTION C: DECLARATION

This declaration must be completed by owner(s)/operator(s) on every application
Warning

- Only the owner(s) or Operator(s), as named in Section B, may complete this declaration.
- In the case of company ownership the declaration must be signed by an authorized signatory.
- Please read the conditions in the attached explanatory notes carefully; you will be signing an undertaking in respect of them.

I/We declare that:

- The vessel is registered in my/our name under the Registration of Merchant Ships Act
- The information contained in this application is correct
- I/we have read and understood the license conditions and conditions of issues as stated in the explanatory notes.
- I/We understand that if any of the details provided in this application changes, any license issued to me/us will cease to be valid.

Name and Signature of Vessel Owner/Operator/legal authorized Representative

Date of Application

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Explanatory Notes and Conditions

Please read these notes and conditions carefully before completing application for license to engage in fishing and/or related activities. Further information and guidance is available from agents or directly from the office of the Belize High Seas Fishing Unit.

Completion of application form

1. The application form should be completed by the beneficial owner or any legally appointed representative.

Section A: License Categories

2. You should specify here the type of license that you wish to apply for. A full list of license categories is contained in Annex A.

Section B: Vessel Details

3. **Section B1** requires details of the specifications and identifiers particular to the vessel to be licensed. Most will be found in the vessel's Patent of Navigation issued by the Registry. These details will appear on the license; it is very important that you ensure that they are accurate. If any of these details change the license will become invalid and you must apply for a new license using an official application form.

Section B2 requires information on the details of the beneficial owner(s) and operators of the vessel. **IBC ownership is not accepted.**

Section B3 requires details of the person who you appoint to receive all licenses and notices including variations on your behalf or you may nominate yourself. Any notices issued and disseminated will take effect 24 hours after the nominee is informed. It is therefore very important that the nominee, or in his/her absence someone acting for him/her, is able to contact the vessel or its owner/operator at short notice.

Section B4 requires information on the vessel activities including RFMO area(s) where vessel intends to operate, these include:

For vessels which target tuna, tuna like species and sharks:

- ICCAT – International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas – Atlantic Ocean
- IATTC – Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission – Western Pacific Ocean
- IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission – Indian Ocean
- WCPFC – Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission - Eastern Pacific Ocean
- SPRFMO – South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization – South Pacific Ocean

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For vessels which will target non-tuna species

- Atlantic Ocean – State coordinates of area of operation or the EEZ State where vessel will operate.
- Pacific Ocean - State coordinates of area of operation or the EEZ State where vessel will operate.
- Indian Ocean - State coordinates of area of operation or the EEZ State where vessel will operate.
- Other fisheries area - State coordinates of area of operation or the EEZ State where vessel will operate.

For vessels which will engage in the carriage of marine resources, transshipment and bunkering services

- ICCAT – International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas – Atlantic Ocean
- IATTC – Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission – Western Pacific Ocean
- IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission – Indian Ocean
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For vessels that will provide bunkering services, the type of service must be indicated.

Species that will be targeted under each category must be indicated in the space allocated.

Section B4 also requires information on the gear type, which will be indicated on the license. Any gear changes should be immediately notified and a new application should be requested to reflect the correct information. Type of refrigeration, method of processing or landing fish, carrying capacity and intended port of delivery are also required under this section.

Section B5 requires crew information of the vessel. Under this section, please provide the number and nationality of each deck and engine crew member.

Section C: Declaration

4. This declaration must be signed by all prospective license holders. In signing this declaration you will be confirming that the details of the application are correct, and that you understand the conditions that you will be expected to meet once the license is issued. It is therefore particularly important to read the section headed "license conditions".

Documentation to accompany application form

5. You should include with your application the following:
 - The vessel's current certificate of registry
 - For vessels which operate in the EEZ of another State, a valid license or permit issued by that State.
 - Signed statutory declaration appointing a nominee or authorized representative
 - Ownership documentsDepending on the type of ownership the following documents will be required

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a. Individual Owners

- i. The Name of the bona-fide physical permanent address of the owner
- ii. National identification card, passport or other similar identification in addition to documentation showing physical address

b. Corporate Owners

- iii. A copy of the certificate of incorporation and where applicable, certificate of change of name
- iv. A certificate of good standing and a properly authorized mandate of the company to establish the business relationship.
- v. A register of members or a list of the names and addresses of the shareholder holding controlling interest in the company
- vi. Copies of identification documents of at least two of the directors (if there is more than one) and authorized signatories of the company.
- vii. A copy of the memorandum and articles of association or bylaws of the company.
- viii. Document which authenticates bona-fide ownership and which clearly states permanent physical address of the company.

c. Partnership/Unincorporated business

- ix. In case of local limited partnerships:
 - a copy of the certified registration
 - certificate of good standing certified by the registrar of companies
- x. In case of unincorporated business
 - evidence of the identity of a majority of the partners, owners or manager and authorized signatures
 - A copy of the mandate from the partnership or unincorporated business authorizing the establishment of the business relationship and confirmation of any authorized signatories.

Revocation of License

6. Licenses are issued subject to the discretion of the Director of High Seas Fishing and may be subject to variations, suspension and/or revocation at any time.
7. If a vessel is de-registered, its license will be automatically revoked.

License Validity in waters of another State

8. Any license issued is valid for operation on the high seas only. Vessels which operate in the EEZ of another State must hold valid authorization from that State. Based on authenticity and validity verification by Belize of the license or permit issued by another State, an accompanying authorization for operation in the EEZ of another State will be issued subsequent to the issuance of the HSFL.

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License Conditions

Licenses are subject to the following conditions, which must be met at all times and where specified therein.

9. The vessel must be registered with the International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize.
10. The vessel must not engage in any unauthorized transshipment at sea or port without authorization.
11. The vessel must not retain on board, land or tranship any fish in excess of the amount specified in their conditions for fishing.
12. The vessel shall target species only for which a license has been issued
13. The vessel must land and count against quota any fish which are subject to quota, which are retained on board and which are not returned to sea immediately.
14. The vessel shall not engage in activities with other vessels which do not appear on the list of authorized vessels of the area where vessels operate.
15. Vessel and its gear must be marked in accordance with relevant regulations
16. The following shall be carried on board the vessel to which they relate at all time and be available for inspection on the spot by any authorized officer:
 - The license and any current variation issued by the Belize Fisheries Department
 - The vessel's certificate of Registry
 - EEZ license/permits (if applicable)
 - Belize's Authorization to Operate in the EEZ of another State (if applicable)
 - Logbooks assigned to the vessel

Warning

If the Director has grounds to believe that the information contained in this application or any documents provided thereto is false or misleading, the application will be denied.

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ANNEX A

TYPES OF LICENSES AND CATEGORIES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED

A. High Sea Fishing License for Fishing Vessels

1. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – Atlantic Ocean (LL)
2. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – Atlantic Ocean (PS)
3. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – Pacific Ocean
4. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – Indian Ocean
5. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – EEZ of Another State
6. Tuna and Tuna Like Species – Other (Specify)
7. Sharks – Atlantic Ocean
8. Sharks – Pacific Ocean
9. Sharks – Indian Ocean
10. Sharks – EEZ of Another State
11. Sharks – Other (Specify)
12. Non-Tuna – Trawler - Atlantic
13. Non-Tuna – Trawler – Pacific
14. Non-Tuna – Trawler – Indian
15. Non-Tuna – Trawler – EEZ of Another State
16. Non-Tuna-Other (specific)

B. Transshipment/Transport License

17. Transport License (*for reefer carrier, fish carriers, mother-ships*)

C. Fishing Support License