

Outcomes from the 2026 UK Bluefin tuna Commercial application process.

UK BFT Commercial Authorisations 2026

Latest update: 08 July 26

The MMO received a total of 155 applications for the 2026 UK BFT commercial season. The UK will issue authorisations to 30 vessels.

Identifiable details including applicant, vessel and location details were removed from each application before review by a panel. All UK fisheries administrations were invited to participate in the panel, with representation provided by England and Jersey. The panel members individually reviewed every application and marked each of the 8 statement questions as pass/fail in line with the [relevant guidance](#). A consensus meeting was conducted by the panel group on 13/05/26 resulting in 66 applications passing and going forward to the random ballot.

The ballot conducted on 13/05/26 determined the 30 successful applications and created a reserve list order from the remaining 36 applications.

Table 1: Breakdown of applications received, applications that reached the ballot, and authorisations issued by each UK Fisheries Administration.

Administration	Applications received	Applications that reached the ballot	Authorisations issued
England	133	63	29
Wales	10	0	0
Jersey	6	3	1
Guernsey	4	0	0
Scotland	2	0	0

2026 Commercial BFT vessel authorisation list

Below is the list of UK vessels that have received an authorisation to target and land BFT. The vessels are also recognised with [ICCAT](#) and the eBCD system: (Information correct as of 08/07/26):

Number of authorisations pending: 2

Table 2: List of commercial vessels with BFT Authorisations for 2026

2026	Vessel Name	PLN	Home Port
1	ELLIE MAI	BD12	BIDEFORD
2	KRAKEN	WH2	PLYMOUTH
3	AURORA	FY30	NEWLYN
4	ZION	WH20	POOLE
5	AUTUMN SILVER	SS739	QUEENBOROUGH
6	FIRST PRIORITY	RX518	RYE
7	SAM	E581	BRIXHAM

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8	DILIGENCE	PW240	MEVAGISSEY
9	LAKEY JO II	PW18	PADSTOW
10	DOMINATOR A	WY333	WHITBY
11	OCEAN ECHOES	WH66	WEYMOUTH
12	ASTRAIA	FY15	FOWEY
13	PROVIDER	FY51	NEWLYN
14	TEGEN MOR	SS88	NEWLYN
15	EXCALIBUR III	PW52	NEWQUAY
16	MIDNIGHT	SE9	MEVAGISSEY
17	MYTILUS	FY27	RYE
18	OCEAN DANCER	J72	PLYMOUTH
19	ALK II	LI535	LITTLEHAMPTON
20	MIZPAH	PE32	RYE
21	H2P	PH17	SALCOMBE
22	HUERS	SS134	NEWLYN
23	ACES HIGH	PH11	PLYMOUTH
24	FAIR MAIDEN	PH1026	PLYMOUTH
25	EVAN GEORGE	PW31	PORT ISAAC
26	MAVERICK	R486	HAYLE
27	PECHOS GRANDES	BM888	BRIXHAM
28	STARGAZY	FY36	NEWLYN
29	<i>Pending</i>		
30	<i>Pending</i>		