

Today, May 27, 2011 [NOAA Fisheries announced](#) that Atlantic bluefin tuna currently do not warrant species protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). We also committed to revisiting this decision by early 2013, when more information will be available about the effects of the Deepwater Horizon BP oil spill, as well as a new stock assessment from the scientific arm of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Today NOAA designated both the western Atlantic and eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean stocks of bluefin tuna as "species of concern" under the ESA.