

## **Advocacy Comments on the 90-Day Finding on a Petition to List Atlantic Bluefin Tuna as Threatened or Endangered under the Endangered Species Act**

On November 16, 2010 the Office of Advocacy (Advocacy) filed public comments with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in response to the 90-Day Finding on a Petition to List Atlantic Bluefin Tuna as Threatened or Endangered under the Endangered Species Act. A copy of Advocacy's comments may be viewed at [www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments](http://www.sba.gov/advo/laws/comments).

- On May 24, 2010 the Center for Biological Diversity submitted a petition to NOAA to list the Atlantic bluefin tuna as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act and designate a critical habitat.
- On September 21, 2010, NOAA published a 90-Day petition finding and request for information (the 90-Day Finding) announcing that the petition presented substantial scientific data and that NOAA would be conducting a status review of the Atlantic bluefin tuna to determine if a listing as endangered or threatened was warranted.
- Advocacy has spoken to several small businesses in the bluefin tuna fishery and associated industries who are concerned that a listing would have a substantial economic impact on fishermen as well as fishing communities. Advocacy has submitted comments reflecting these concerns.

For more information, visit Advocacy's website at <http://www.sba.gov/advo> or contact Kia Dennis at 202-205-6936.