

CATCHES OF BLUEFIN TUNA (THUNNUS THYNNUS, L.) IN NORWEGIAN COASTAL WATERS IN 1983

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Unfavourable weather conditions, with prevailing northerly winds throughout the season gave the poorest tuna catch in recent years. Three fishes were caught.

12.7.83	1 catch	1 fish	233 kg	Salmon gill net, off Møvik, Sotra (W of Bergen).
26.7.83	1 catch	2 fish	270 kg 300 kg	Tuna purse seiner, W of Marsteinen (WSW of Bergen).
1983	Total catch		803 kg	(Gutted and less head)

Information given by Hordafisk (fishermen's sales organization).

Schools of bluefin tuna were observed far offshore, on the banks between Norway and Shetland, in warmer waters, according to fishermen, but no catches were made in that area.