



THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Update on modification to commercial coastal logbook program





Background

- The commercial coastal logbook program collects data from commercial vessels in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the Atlantic
- In the South Atlantic, commercial fishermen holding Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, or Coastal Migratory Pelagic permits are required to fill out a paper logbook within 7 days of completing a trip and mail it to the SEFSC
- A subset (20%) of commercial coastal logbook participants are selected to also fill out an economic or discard survey for a year
 - Mailed out separately from coastal logbook
 - Mandatory to complete if selected



Background

This amendment would modify the FMPs for:

- South Atlantic Snapper Grouper,
- Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo,
- Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Coastal Migratory Pelagics,
- Gulf Reef Fish

to require commercial logbooks be submitted via electronic reporting forms instead of the currently used paper-based forms.

Move from paper to electronic

2018 SE COASTAL FISHERIES TRIP REPORT FORM Use Black Ink only!

Signature: _____ Phone No.: () - _____ Schedule No. NMFS Use Only

Vessel Name: _____ Trip Start Date: MM DD YY County or Parish: _____ State: _____

Vessel No.: _____ Trip Unload Date: MM DD YY Dealer Name: _____

Operator Name: _____ Days at Sea: _____ No. of Crew: _____ SE Federal Dealer Number: _____

Operator Number: _____ Check box if landings sold to multiple dealers: ☐ Yes

GEAR SECTION: See instructions on Page 2. Check gear box and fill in all the boxes below.

Traps (T)	Longline (L)	Sill Net (GN)	Drift (D)	Anchor & Line (H)	Hand (E)	Band (B)	Trotting (TR)	Buoy (B)	Divers (D)	Spear (S)	Other Gear (O)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Bottom <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Gill Net <input type="checkbox"/> Strike	<input type="checkbox"/> Drift <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor & Line	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Band	<input type="checkbox"/> Trotting	<input type="checkbox"/> Buoy	<input type="checkbox"/> Divers	<input type="checkbox"/> Spear	<input type="checkbox"/> Power	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Total #	# Sets	# Hooks per Line	Length (yards)	# Hooks per Line	Total Hrs Fished	SE VTR #	R18100001				
Trap Soak Time (hrs)	Set Soak Time (hrs)	Depth (yards)	Total Hrs Fished								
Total Soak Time (hrs)	Set Soak Time (hrs)	Mesh	Date Received: NMFS use only								

CATCH SECTION: See instructions on Page 4. Weight: Record POUNDS kept gutted or whole (DO NOT include fractions of pounds). Gear: Record gear used for MAJORITY of catch as T, L, GN, H, E, TR, B, S, P or O. (Do not use multiple gears). Area: Areas can be found on maps in lookbook (page 5). Do not use state area codes. Depth: Record bottom depth where the MAJORITY of fish were caught in FEET.

Species Name	Code	Gutted-lbs	Whole-lbs	Gear	Area	Depth	Species Name	Code	Gutted-lbs	Whole-lbs	Gear	Area	Depth
Amberjack-Gray	1812						P Jolthead	3312					
Amberjack-Lesser	1815						O Knobbed	3308					
Airacoe	1810						R Red	3302					
Banded Rudder	1817						V Whitebone	3305					
Crevalle	0870						Blacknose	3485					
Cobia	0570						Blacktip	3486					
Dolphin Fish	1050						Bonnethead	3483					
Black	1422						Bull	3497					
Gag	1423						H Dogfish, Smith	3511					
Warsaw	4740						R Finetooth	3481					
Red	1416						Lemon	3517					
Scamp	1424						Sandbar	3513					
Snowy	1414						Sharpnose, At	3518					
Yellowedge	1415						Blackfin	3757					
Yellowfin	1426						Lane	3761					
Hind, Red	1413						N Mangrove	3762					
Hind, Rock	1412						Mutton	3763					
Hind, Speckled	1411						Queen	3770					
Bluestriped	1444						E Red	3764					
French	1445						Silk/Yelloweye	3758					
White	1441						Vermilion	3765					
Margate	1442						Yellowtail	3767					
Margate, Black	1443						Triggerfish, Gray	4561					
Grunts, Unc	1440						Triggerfish, Ocean	4562					
Hogfish	1790						Triggerfish, Queen	4563					
King Mackerel	1940						Tietfish, Gray	4474					
Spanish Mackerel	3840						Tietfish, Golden	4470					
Wahoo	4710						Sea Trout, White	3455					
Black Line Bass	3360						Little Tunny	4663					
Bluefish	0230						Barracuda	0180					
Blue Runner	0270						Hake	1550					



6:51 42%

Catches

2 HOOK AND LINE (11-17-08-51-07) SEARCH

Favorite Species

BASS, BLACK SEA

BASS, STRIPED

BASS, STRIPED

SUMMARY **CATCHES**

1 General : Food MACKEREL, ATLANTIC

9 General : Food TAUTOG

36 Not Brought on Board : Released alive TAUTOG

OFFLOADS

Benefits of electronic logbook

- Accommodates vessels with multiple permits (one-stop reporting)
- Better compliance and timeliness for permit renewal
- More accurate information



Progress since June meeting

- In June 2022 the Council made a motion to work on a joint document with the Gulf Council
- The Interdisciplinary Plan Team (IPT) convened in July to discuss next steps.
- The IPT has determined a **joint plan amendment** to each affected FMP would be needed. A **Categorical Exclusion** would be prepared to satisfy NEPA.
- IPT compiled a list of questions and answers for the Councils (**Attachment 3b**)
- IPT compiled a spreadsheet to compare current data fields and modifications that would be required for implementing an electronic logbook (**Attachment 3c**)

Revised Timing of development

Oct 2022	Gulf Council approves for PH
Dec 2022	SA Council approves for PH
Winter 2022	Councils conduct PHs
Jan 2023	Gulf Council approves for formal review
March 2023	SA Council approves for formal review
Late 2023	Final rule published
Early 2024	Regulations effective



DRAFT Purpose and Need

The **purpose** is to modify reporting for commercial fishing vessels issued South Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico permits and currently reporting through the Southeast Coastal Logbook program (Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper, Atlantic Dolphin and Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf and Atlantic), to require that the reports be submitted electronically.

The **need** is to improve the timeliness and efficiency of the commercial logbook data collection and management program, which will improve monitoring and compliance of federally permitted commercial vessels participating in the Southeast Coastal Logbook program.

What will change?

Commercial logbook data fields have already been integrated into eTRIPS so that electronic submission is compatible with Atlantic standards through ACCSP

- See Spreadsheet (*Attachment 3c*)
- The data will then be made available to SEFSC from ACCSP
- Timing for reporting will be unchanged (7 days)

Voluntary (unless selected by SEFSC) portions of the commercial electronic program (economic and discard surveys)

- The economic survey will have some additional data fields to be compatible with ACCSP's database
- Discards will be reported when completing the commercial logbook
- These two surveys will remain voluntary unless selected



Why are there more data fields in the electronic logbook?

- To streamline data collection across federal and state agencies
- To accommodate vessels with multiple permits so the correct information is collected
- In general, the additional fields either collect the same information, but in a different way than on paper (gutted vs whole weight) or ask for a better estimate of the trip duration or characteristic (end/start port or trip end time).
- Changing existing data fields would require the ACCSP committee agreeing to changes.
- For additional information related to program modification see ***Attachment 3b***.



Next Steps

- Draft amendment document being developed
- Obtain input from APs this fall
- Consider approval for public hearings in December 2022

Extra slides

- Demo of eVTR using eTRIPS:

<https://youtu.be/spbGZiu7xqA?t=610>