



For Hire Electronic Reporting Outreach Project Update

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For-Hire Training Toolkit

- Forum –
 - language added
 - Sign in created for Charter captains
- Website
 - Schedule updated
 - NMFS links
- Apps
 - eTrips phone app - ongoing
- Permit graphics and apps!
 - Permit office/region
 - Permit/reporting regions
 - Shiny app





In-person trainings

- Total held: 28
- Attendees range: 0 – 23
- Total attendees: 176
- North Carolina:
 - Oak Island, Morehead (2), Cape Hatteras and Kitty Hawk
- South Carolina
 - Charleston (2), Hilton head (2), Murrels inlet (2)
- Georgia
 - Savannah (2), Brunswick (2) and Sea Island
- Florida
 - Jacksonville, St Augustine, New Smyrna, Cocoa Beach, Sebastian, Ft Pierce, Jupiter, Ft Lauderdale, Miami, Key Colony Beach, Islamorada, and Key West



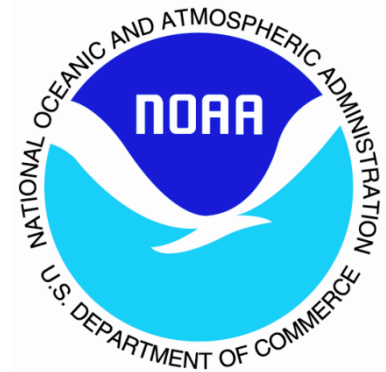
Webinars

- For Hire Electronic reporting
 - 26 offered since Sept 2017 – December 2018
 - Total attendees: 65, not including staff
 - Future dates TBD
- Law enforcement
 - Waiting on final rule



NMFS Informational Sessions

- NMFS provided funding
- 10 in-person sessions and 5 Webinars
 - October and November 2018
 - 5 in person – 1 SC, 1 GA, 1 NC, 2 FL
 - 2 webinars
 - Post final rule – Dates TBD
 - 5 in person – 1 SC, 1 GA, 1 NC, 2 FL
 - 3 webinars



Future Goals



- **Council Trainings**
 - 2019 TBD: awaiting final rule and/or phone app development
 - Return to each state before June 2019
- **Post Final Rule NMFS Info Sessions**
- **Law Enforcement**
 - webinars, video, in-person trainings (as requested)





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How to Determine Which Region to Report to Electronically

What federal for-hire vessel permits do you own?

Warning: Regulation information is for reference purposes only. It is your responsibility to make sure you are in compliance with the most current regulations published by the South Atlantic, Gulf Council and Mid Atlantic councils.
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GARFO (Mid-Atlantic)

- Bluefish
- Squid, Atlantic Mackerel, Butterfish
- GARFO Permitted Black Sea Bass
- Scup
- Summer Flounder
- GARFO Permitted Tilefish

South Atlantic

- South Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Snapper-Grouper
- South Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species (Florida - New York)
- Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo open-access (Florida - Maine)

Gulf

- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Historical Captain Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species
- Historical Captain Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagic limited-access

Highly Migratory Species

Atlantic Tuna
Commercial Caribbean small boat Shark directed and incidental
Swordfish directed and incidental
Smoothhound shark

Report via website:
hmspermits.noaa.gov/catchReports
Report via phone:
Swordfish and Billfish (800) 894-5528, Bluefin tuna (888) 872-8862
NC and Maryland: report through a state program, via a catch card and tagging process

If your vessel has S Atl. and GARFO permits you will report the S ATL. questions within 48 hrs to GARFO

If your vessel has only S Atl. permits you will report to the S Atl.

If your vessel has S Atl. and Gulf permits you will report to the Gulf

Program Start Date: March 12th, 2018
Requirements: Vessel trip reports (VTRs) reported within 48 hours of each trip taken with passengers for-hire
How to report: please see website below for options
More info: <http://bit.ly/2CnL1aj>
Training info: <http://bit.ly/2CnBhwA>
***If you hold both GARFO and Gulf Permits you must report to both regions**

Program Start Date: TBD currently waiting on final rule
Proposed Requirements: Fishing catch and effort reported weekly. Reporting frequency for headboats may increase.
How do I report: via a NMFS approved software
More info: <http://bit.ly/2Bzh8H8>
Training info: <http://bit.ly/2EtGedk>

Program Start Date: TBD, waiting on the final rule
Proposed Requirements: Hail-out with expected return date/time and location, permanently affixed GPS device that is always "on", and landings must be reported prior to offload of fish. Headboats must report more rapidly.
How to report: via a NMFS approved software
More info: <http://bit.ly/2Bzh8H8>
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Federal Permit office and associated For-Hire permits

GARFO: Mid-Atlantic Greater Atlantic Regional Office

- Bluefish (Maine - Florida)
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
- Black Sea Bass
- Scup
- Summer Flounder
- Tilefish
- NE Multispecies

For Help with GARFO:

<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits/>

SERO: South Atlantic Southeast Regional Office

- South Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Snapper-Grouper
- South Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species (Florida - New York)
- Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo open-access (Florida - Maine)

SERO: Gulf

Southeast Regional Office

- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Historical Captain Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagic limited-access
- Historical Captain Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species

For Help with SERO:

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/operations_management_information_services/constituency_services_branch/permits/index.html

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Federal EEZ from Maine to Virginia:

- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
- Black Sea Bass
- Scup
- Summer Flounder
- Tilefish
- NE Multispecies

Federal EEZ from Maine to the east coast of Florida:

Bluefish
*ends off the coast of Miami

Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo
open-access
* ends off the coast of Key West

Federal EEZ from North Carolina to the east coast of Florida

South Atlantic
Charter/Headboat for
Snapper-Grouper

What region
does my federal
for-Hire permit
apply to?

Federal EEZ from New York to the east coast of Florida:

South Atlantic
Charter/Headboat
for Coastal
Migratory Pelagic
Species

Federal EEZ from Texas to the west coast of Florida

- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Historical Captain Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagic limited-access
- Historical Captain Gulf Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish
- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species

Shiny App

- Meant to help alleviate permit confusion for fishermen
- How it works
 - Choose the location fished
 - Choose the species targeted
 - Associated permits appear along with notes
 - Can also see state agencies and contact info

<http://data.safmc.net/PermitApp/>

