

From: [Kevin Dougherty](#)
To: [Myra Brouwer](#)
Subject: Fwd: Federal Atlantic Charter/Headboat Reporting Requirements
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Hi Myra,

I'm requesting some additional development work be done on VESL reporting system.

Boats in the northeast United States don't fish year round. Therefore, filing no fish reports is a complete waste of time, particularly when charterboats are out of the water and winterized. I just got a phone call from Chris that I was out of compliance for all of April and May and we didn't even have a boat in the water.

Defaulting to being out of compliance when you aren't even doing anything isn't very American. (Innocent until guilty, right?)

Please accept my formal request to have VESL improved to have a user-defined "actively fishing" calendar feature where dates outside of the "active fishing" automatically default to a "no fish report". This shouldn't be a difficult change to make on the app with the help of the developer and we'll help keep working fishermen in compliance when they aren't fishing.

Thanks
Kevin

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From: Chris Isom - NOAA Affiliate <chris.isom@noaa.gov>
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Good morning,

As we discussed on the phone, I have provided below links containing more information on the South Atlantic Fisheries as well as contact information for program management. Feel free to reach out to her with questions or feedback.

South Atlantic Fisheries
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/sustainable-fisheries-south-atlantic>

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
<https://safmc.net/>

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