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Ms. Brouwer: Capt. Willie Howard here in West Palm Beach.

I have a federal dolphin/wahoo charter permit and participate in electronic reporting.

To improve the system:

1. Make the reporting app. more self-explanatory and faster to use, meaning captains would have to spend less time reporting. The areas fished such as "florida waters inshore" with a number are tricky to interpret. Captains should not have to take a class in your software to comply. Keep it simple.
2. Make more captains aware of the need for federal permits and electronic reporting. Most captains in this area don't want extra work and don't bother obtaining a permit, meaning SAFMC gets nothing from them... and they suffer no penalties, it seems, for not obtaining a permit. There is no incentive to comply.
3. The idea of making reporting more immediate is not practical. After my charters, I have to clean fish, clean the boat, etc. I often can't sit down at my iPad to report until the next day...or a few days later if I have back-to-back charters.

Thanks for listening.

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