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A CONSULTING COMPANY

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Generic Dealer Permit Reporting
On Behalf of Seafood Atlantic et al

To: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC)

To Whom It Concerns,

I have been asked to submit the following information to the SAFMC for the public record. It seems if the SAFMC and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) expect the electronic reporting to begin on Monday and end on Sunday and report by Tuesday then this will cause great hardship to the fish dealers and might be impossible.

A better choice would be to report 10 days after the vessel lands their catch and then have the dealers submit the landing results and this would work in all probability for Seafood Atlantic and others. Many larger dealers begin the week on Monday and end on Sunday, and they then pay the vessels on the following Friday historically. Please consider this change to the proposed amendment.

Thank you.

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