



Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program



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Gulf & South Atlantic SEFHIER Permit Accounts as of August 1st



Reporting Platform	S. Atl. Permit Accounts (change since 5/19/21)	Gulf Permit Accounts (change since 5/19/21)	Gulf/S. Atl. Dual Permitted Accounts
eTrips	587 (+124)	172 (+33)	76
VESL	414 (+99)	495 (+104)	111
Headboat (VESL)	64 (+0)	68 (+0)	_____
VMS	_____	106 (+17)	_____
South Carolina (VESL)	144 (+0)	_____	_____
Total	1,209 (+223) *968 have yet to register	841 (+154) *511 have yet to register	187 *179 have yet to register



Gulf & South Atlantic Permit Accounts

- 1,658 permit holders have yet to register with approved vendor
 - Following June fishery bulletin: +332 accounts
 - August 1st = 2,050 registered accounts
 - Accounts include both permit holders & captains (not 1:1)
- Expect 20-30% permit latency
- ~1,000 vessels signed up with a reporting platform account but have either not reported yet or have stopped reporting; SEFHIER staff has reached out to these constituents to inform them
- 730 S. Atl. (only) permitted vessels and 893 (Gulf/S. Atl.) dually permitted vessels reported in July
- SERO anticipates increased participation as permits come up for renewal



SERO Hosted Outreach Webinars

Upcoming Webinars

- (Gulf or Gulf/SA dual permit) VMS requirements webinars:
 - Sept 7th @ 6:30-7:30 pm; Sept 16th @ 2-3 pm; Sept 22nd @ 6:30-7:30 pm; Sept 28th @ 10:00-11:00 am ET)
- Oct 14th: South Atlantic SEFHIER constituent call with Andy Strelcheck (Oct 7th for Gulf)

Past Webinars

- June 15th: monthly evening webinar (0 attendees)
- June 18th: FWC agents webinar (2 sessions, ~20 attendees @ each)
- July 20th: FWC agents make-up session (4 South Atlantic attendees)
- ❖ Webinar feedback/suggestions? Email me @Michelle.Masi@noaa.gov



Continued Outreach

- July 12th: reporting requirements letter sent to GARFO/SERO permitted vessels
- eTrips and VESL are now sending notifications to app users when an updated is pushed out
- SEFHIER program toolkits mailed on request and can be found electronically on our webpage (under Guides and Tools).
- Regular website updates and improvements are ongoing
 - E.g. updated answers to FAQs will be added to our website

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/recreational-fishing-data/southeast-hire-integrated-electronic-reporting-program>

VMS Update: Gulf Requirements



VMS rule to publish in Sept, with an effective date of December 13th

- Gulf federal for-hire permitted vessels will be required to have a type-approved VMS unit that includes a GPS device affixed to the vessel that, at a minimum, archives vessel position data for submission to NOAA Fisheries
- Currently 2 cVMS (cellular-based VMS) units have received type-approval for Gulf For-Hire vessels (Faria ETERM-C & CLS NEMO)
- Hail-outs and VMS units are expected to provide better data on fishing effort (number of trips) and allow for better enforcement of fishing regulations

Link to all type-approved VMS Units:

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/rules-and-regulations/approved-vessel-monitoring-system-vms-units-reporting-southeast-hire-electronic>



General Discussion Items

- SERO received letters from MAFMC regarding concerns over the 4 additional economic questions; SERO responded, and the original and response letters are available in the briefing materials
- GARFO/SERO dually permitted vessels:
 - VESL is not certified with GARFO; dually permitted vessels can use eTrips to satisfy both GARFO and SERO permit reporting requirements.
 - To meet the requirements of both programs, you must fill out the approved form when you offload & submit the form within 48 hours of the trip ending
- HMS caught species:
 - Using VESL app: still need to complete the HMS electronic logbook report
 - Using eTrips/mobile app: prompts for HMS required questions



What Can fisherman Do Now?

1

Select a reporting software; for Gulf permitted vessels: select & install a VMS unit before the effective date

2

Create a reporting account for each vessel/user

3

Review the website; watch informational videos, read SEFHIER toolkits

4

For Gulf permitted vessels: check that your landing location is approved. If not, submit a landing location request form for approval



Constituent Questions?



Start on our webpage (web link on slide 5):

- News and announcements:
 - Sign up to receive SEFHIER-specific Fishery Bulletins:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/subscriber/new>
- Guides and Tools:
 - Informational videos and the S. Atlantic-specific toolkit online
- Upcoming webinars dates (will also be sent via SEFHIER Fishery Bulletins)
- Find forms: landing location, power down exemption and VMS install certification
- Contact SEFHIER customer service:
 - Customer Support Toll Free: 1-833-707-1632
 - Customer Support Email: ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov
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