

# Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program



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## South Atlantic and GOM Permit Accounts as of May 19, 2021:

South Atlantic	Platform	Accounts	TOTAL
	etrips	463	
	VESL	315	
	South Carolina (VESL)	144	
	Headboat (VESL)	64	<b>986</b>
<b>Gulf</b>			
	etrips	139	
	VESL	391	
	headboat	68	
	VMS	89	<b>687</b>

## South Atlantic and GOM Permit Accounts as of May 19, 2021:

- A large number of permit holders have yet to sign up to report:
  - Expect 20-30% permit latency rate.
  - Some fishermen are choosing to give up permit due to increased restrictions.
  - Some fishermen just don't know about regulations or are unsure how to comply.
- Permit holders out of compliance will not be able to renew their permit.
  - Anticipate increased participation as permits come up for renewal.

# Concerns and Issues

- Dual permitted (GARFO/SERO)
  - New questions on the etrips forms include economic questions and additional depth questions.
  - Some fishermen fishing in GARFO are opposed to responding to socio-economic questions.
  - Some GARFO fishermen do not feel they need to respond to additional these questions when not catching a SERO permitted species (dolphin, wahoo or CMP).

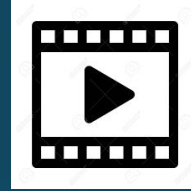
# Continued Outreach

- Reminder Letter for All Permit Holders with no user accounts
- Reminder Fishery Bulletin
  - Reminding that the program has started and compliance is required.
- For-Hire Fishery Bulletins
  - Rolling out a Fishery Bulletin just for For-Hire Sector
  - Good way to communicate with the sector on news with electronic reporting.
- Additional Monthly Q&A Webinars:
  - Requested by fishermen
  - May 18, June 15, July 13
- Update to Website
- Calls from the compliance and data team

# Things fishermen need to do now



Select a software to use and create a user account



Watch informational videos (on website)



Read the website and toolkits



Submit landing location request for approval (Gulf Permitted vessels)



Make sure their information is correct on their permit paperwork



Attend upcoming webinars (see website for schedule)

# Resources

Electronic Reporting Phone Line:

1-833-707-1632

Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm M-F EST

Program email address:

[ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov](mailto:ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov)

Website

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/southeast-electronic-reporting-technologies>

Toolkit

<https://gulfcouncil.org/southeast-for-hire-electronic-reporting-program/>