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Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program

December 2020 Update

South Atlantic and Gulf Reporting Program

- Owner or operator of a charter vessel with a Federal charter vessel/headboat permit will be required to submit an electronic report for each fishing trip.
- **South Atlantic:** Submit reports weekly, no later than the Tuesday of the following week.
- **Gulf of Mexico:** Submit reports before offloading, hail-out, and location tracking device.
- Must report regardless of where they are fishing, catch.
- Vessels with both permits, must follow Gulf requirement *regardless of where they are fishing*



Implementation Timeline



Behind the Scenes

- Working SEFSC to build a web-based application that will allow us to check for compliance and review the data for QA/QC in real time.
 - Based on the application developed for the Headboat Survey.
 - Late or missing reports will be flagged and the Compliance team will reach out to fishermen.
 - It will run nightly validation checks, flag errors, and the QA/QC team will reach out to fishermen to confirm data or make corrections.
- We are adding staff: QA/QC team (4), monitoring team (3), compliance tracking team (3), and customer service support (2).

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