

Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program



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Overview of Atlantic Program

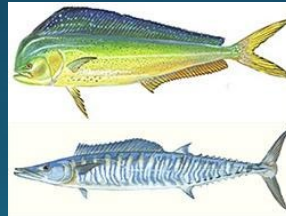
Electronic reporting program for charter and non SRHS headboat vessels.

Applies to Charter/headboat permit holders with the following permits

Atlantic coastal migratory pelagics (Florida-New York)

Atlantic dolphin wahoo (Florida-Maine)

South Atlantic snapper grouper



All permit holders are required to report regardless of where they are fishing or what their target species is.

Overview of Atlantic Program

Headboat:

- Changes the reporting day from Sunday to Tuesday.
- Permit holders that are currently participating in the Southeast Region Headboat Survey will continue to do so using VESL



Overview of Atlantic Program

Charter:

- Trip level weekly reporting on approved software
- ALL trips and ALL species are required to be reported, not just those trips targeting federally permitted species or occurring in federal waters.
- “Did Not Fish” Reports
- Reports are due on Tuesday following a fishing week.




Electronic Reporting

- Reporting must be done using approved software/hardware
 - Currently these software programs are approved for the program
 - eTRIPS/mobile - Windows 10, iOS, Android, Free, compatible with GARFO and HMS requirements
 - VESL – computer-based web portal, iOS, Android, Free, compatible with the SC State Charter program and the Headboat Survey
 - Approved software and hardware is listed on the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Electronic Technologies website



Trip Setup

Trip Type  ▼

Vessel ▼

Permit ▼

Trip Details

Trip Type

Vessel

Trip Name

VTR #

Crew Count

Port ▼

Notes

Effort Details



Gear Type ▼

Gear Quantity

Total Gears

Gear Sets


Average Depth (feet)

Location  

Notes

Start Your Trip

Trip Tracking

 Do Not Track

Enter data for a trip you've already completed

Trip Start Date ▼

Trip Start Time ▼

Trip End Date ▼

Trip End Time ▼



Cancel

Type here to search

Trip Summary

SUMMARY

EDIT

Trip

Trip starting at
3/24/2019 9:27 AM

EDIT

Trip Type Commercial
VTR Warwick (RR - Apponaug) (Kent), RI
Port test1
Vessel RIFISHER
Permit
Date Sun 27/24/2019

Catches

2 HOOK AND LINE
(03-24-09-27-42)

EDIT

8 General : Food ANCHOVY,BAY

Offload

No unreported catches

Warwick (RR - Apponaug) (Kent), RI
No Sale/Retained
8 Pounds ANCHOVY,BAY
(UNCLASSIFIED / ROUND)

Efforts



2 HOOK AND LINE
(03-24-09-27-42)
41° 36', -71° 26'
3 hours fished

DELETE

TRIP REPORT



Reporting Status

Create Trip

Create No Fish Report

Find Trip


New Trip

Trip Details / Declaration

Vessel * 

"ROD" BURGUNDY



Trip Start (EST) * 

Ex. 01/01/21 01:00 PM



Trip Type *

Charterboat



Landing Location *



Multiple Permits

Permit holders with permits in more than one region

- Required to report to the more restrictive electronic reporting program regardless of where fishing occurs

In certain instances, multiple electronic reports may be required.

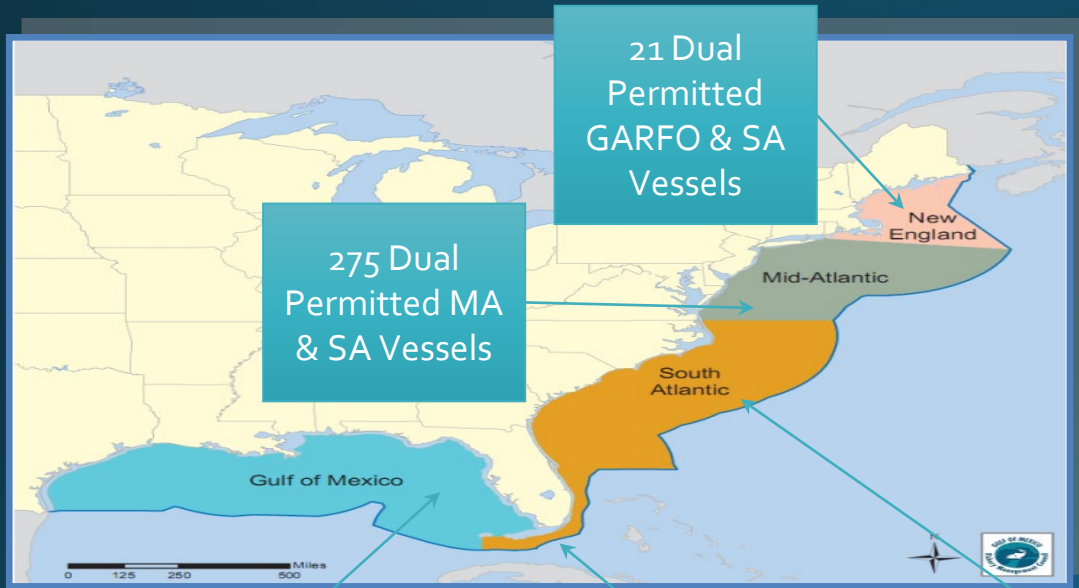
21 Dual
Permitted
GARFO & SA
Vessels

275 Dual
Permitted MA
& SA Vessels

1,328 GOM Permitted
Vessels
(~128,000 trips/year)

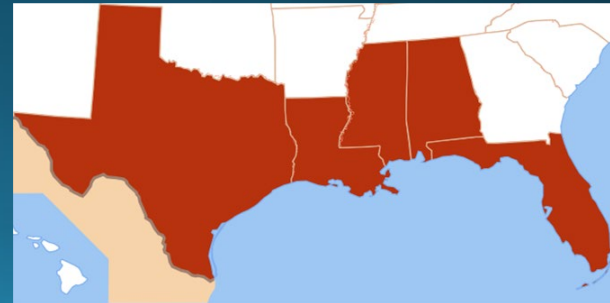
373 Dual Permitted
GOM & SA Vessels

2,138 SA Permitted
Vessels
(~282,000 trips/year)



Multiple Permits: *South Atlantic and Gulf*

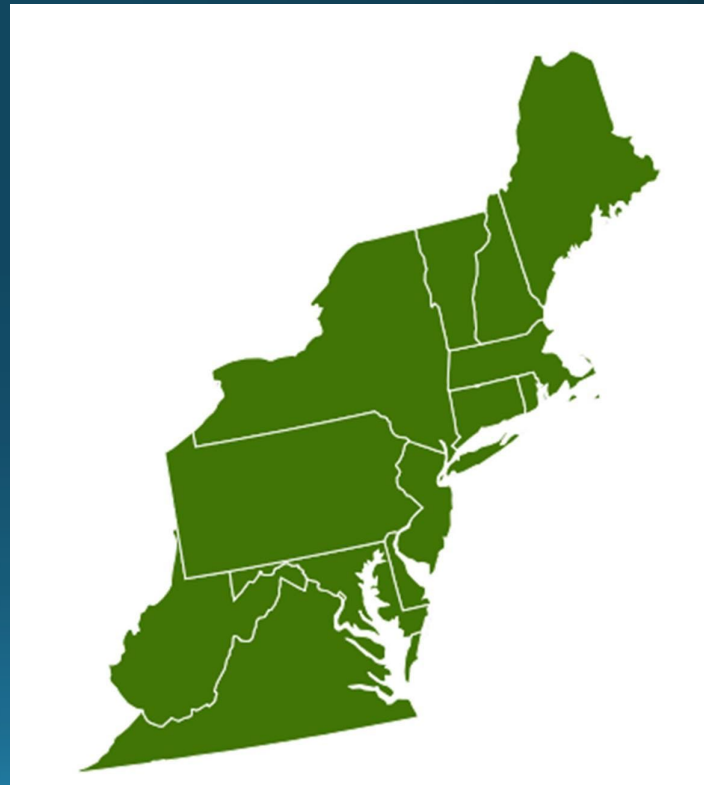
- Gulf of Mexico Electronic Reporting Program is more restrictive than the South Atlantic program. Must adhere to the Gulf requirements regardless of fishing location
 - Trip Declaration (Hail-out) with expected return date/time and location (must be “verified” landing location)
 - Charter and Headboats must report prior to offload
 - **Phase 2 Effective Date TBD:** Permanently affixed position reporting unit (satellite or cellular VMS) device that is always “on” and transmitting (power down exemptions are possible)
 - Gulf reef fish
 - Gulf coastal migratory pelagics



Multiple Permits: *South Atlantic and GARFO*

- GARFO requires vessel trip reports (VTRs) on for-hire trips to be submitted electronically 48 hours after each fishing trip.
- Permit holders that hold both a GARFO permit and a SA permit can report through approved software* every 48 hours and will not have to submit a separate report for the SA.

*currently only eTrips, more pending approval



Multiple Permits: *South Atlantic and Highly Migratory Species*

- HMS permit holders that catch HMS species can submit trip through etrips, under the reporting timeframe implemented by HMS.
 - Bluefin tuna, swordfish, billfish (white and blue marlin, sailfish, and roundscale spearfish)
 - report within 24 hours



Roll Out Issues

Total Number of GOM and South Atlantic Permit Accounts as of Jan 19, 2021

- VESL = 423 (204 Gulf, 159 South Atlantic, 60 dual permitted)
- eTrips = 467 (90 Gulf, 316 South Atlantic, 61 dual permitted)
- VMS Users = 15 (57 declarations, 40 logbooks)

As of Jan 20th, total # of Reports Submitted = 590 trips with 236 trip declarations

The number and information for Fisherman calls regarding the program are being logged in a database. Since 12/1/20 there have been over 400+ phone calls (average time 30 minutes).

Roll Out Issues

- Customer Service line
 - High volume of calls, est average time 30 minutes
 - call line malfunctioning
- Applications
 - VESL account requests need to be manually verified and we've had a high volume
 - VESL app, Headboat survey trip declaration errors
 - eTrips: fishermen unsure of how to use app
 - eTrips: trip declaration confusion
- Landing locations/Port list not updating automatically, so vessels can't find their port

Southeast Electronic Reporting Compliance Plan

- Customer Service and Outreach Team:
 - account sign up
 - logging correspondence
 - weekly webinars to answer questions
- QA/QC Team:
 - Reviews data for errors
 - data QA/QC
 - making contact if there are errors
- Compliance Tracking:
 - email contact when out of compliance
 - permits on hold when out of compliance

SRFHs Application

SRFH (Southeast Region For Hire) Application:

- Run validations
- View reports
- Identify data errors and make corrections
- Check for permit compliance
- Send automatic reminders on compliance
- Flag vessels that should have permit renewal put on hold due to compliance.
- Log all correspondence
- Create views for port agents and OLE

SRFHs Application

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Vessel Dashboard

Vessel:

Show Permits

☐ All

☒ Current

 Refresh

Vessel Name	Home Port	State	Primary Gear	Hull ID	Passenger Capacity	Vessel Type	Year Built	Owner	Status	Num Trips	Reported States	Reported Ports	Different States	Different Port	Avg Days	Avg Crew	Avg Anglers
									ACTIVE	96	1	1	0	96	0	4.8	30.7


▼ Trips by Month & Permit Info

Vessel Id	Entity	Expiration Date	Permit Type	Permit	Permit Status	Effective Date	End Date	Same Owner
		02/28/2021	CDW		MAILED	03/01/2020		Y
		02/28/2015	SC		EXPIRED	03/01/2014	02/28/2015	Y
		02/28/2015	CHS		EXPIRED	03/01/2014	02/28/2015	Y

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Correspondence

	Vessel Official Number	Primary	Contact Date	Follow- up	Log Group	Call Type	Contact Type	Contact Reason	Contact Recipient Name	Contact Phone Number	Contact Email Address
	99999	221	01/19/2021 08:56AM			Outgoing	Call	General communication	Glenn		
		219	01/19/2021 08:22AM			Outgoing	Call	General communication			

Compliance Plan for Atlantic

- Reporting applications have notifications built in to let users know if they are in compliance for a particular week or not.
- Emails will be sent out notifying permit holders of late or missing reports.
- Compliance team will make phone calls to permit holders regarding missing reports.
- Those out of compliance will have the permit “put on hold” . This prevents renewal of the permit until the reporting requirements have been met.

LEGEND

- Period is out of compliance and past deadline
- Period is out of compliance but not past deadline
- Current filing period
- ☐ Period is open for filing
- ☒ Period is compliant

NOTIFICATIONS [2]

Week 02: Near End of Period, No Completed Trips
Week 01: Past Deadline, No Submitted Trips

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2021 - Week 01 01/04/2021 - 01/10/2021	CREATE FIRST TRIP	FILE NO FISH REPORT
2021 - Week 02 01/11/2021 - 01/17/2021	CREATE FIRST TRIP	FILE NO FISH REPORT
2021 - Week 03 01/18/2021 - 01/24/2021	CREATE FIRST TRIP	FILE NO FISH REPORT
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Current OLE Enforcement Plan

Initial Program Rollout:

Outreach and Compliance Assistance---Not A Grace Period

- making fishermen aware of the program and requirements
- helping them get the information they need
- following up with them on expectation that they will be reporting by a certain date

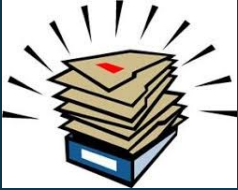
JEA partners

- submitting findings through SERO OLE

Long term:

- Warnings, summary settlements, more severe if needed

Things fishermen need to do now



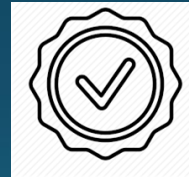
Make sure their information is correct on their permit paperwork



Watch informational videos (on website)



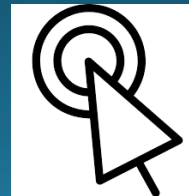
Read the website and toolkits



Submit landing location request for approval (Gulf Permitted vessels)



Attend upcoming webinars (see website for schedule)



Select a software to use and create a user account

What To Expect In the Next Few Months



Compliance Assistance

- SEFHIER team
- OLE team
- Port agents
- State agencies



Training webinars for Port Agents/Samplers

- Tablet based application
 - Intercept survey
 - Charter Activity Report (CAR)
- Training date: TBD



Data sharing agreements

- SERO
- ACCSP

Program Team



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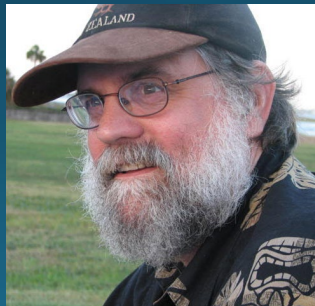
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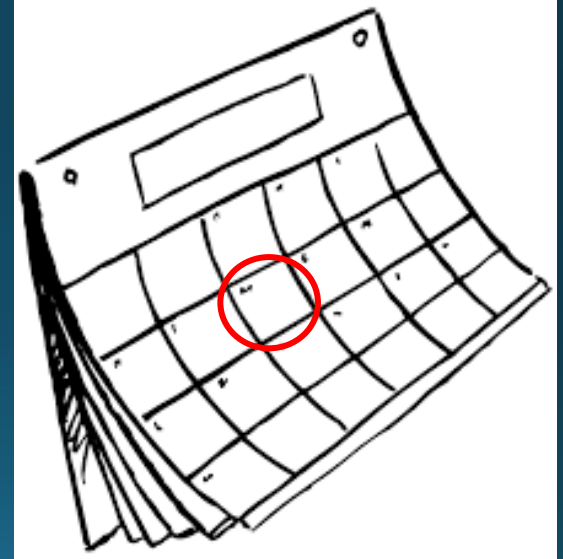
Upcoming For-Hire Permit Holders Webinar:

February 2nd @ 6:00 pm EST

February 9th @ 6:00 pm EST

February 16th @ 6:00 pm EST

February 23rd @ 6:00 pm EST



Resources

Electronic Reporting Phone Line:

1-833-707-1632

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

Program email address:

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/>