

Private Recreational Tilefish Electronic Reporting



SAFMC Recreational Working Group
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Need for Requirements

- Harvest has been increasing
- Tilefish fishery occurs offshore, typically in waters 50-100 miles (80-160 kilometers) from shore
- Few anglers partake, low intercept rate (MRIP)
- eVTR: Gather rec. tilefish catch and effort data not captured through dockside interviews/angler phone surveys
- Blueline tilefish stock assessment is based on a data limited approach



Requirements



■ Who

- Rec. vessel intending to fish for blueline or golden tilefish north of the NC/VA border
- Also applies to for-hire vessels that take private rec fishing trips

■ What

- Required to obtain federal private rec. tilefish vessel permit before taking a trip, electronically report trips
- Retained fish may only be kept for personal consumption
- No fees for permit or reporting app

Requirements

- Reporting fields required (any rec trip when tilefish are targeted or retained):
 - Vessel name, USCG #, permit #
 - Date/time sailed, date/time landed
 - Trip type, # of anglers, target species
 - Gear fished, quantity and size of gear,
 - Fishing time, depth, chart area, lat/lon where fishing occurred
 - Count of tilefish landed/discarded
 - Port and state landed



Requirements

■ When

- Beginning August 17, 2020
- Report trips within 24 hours of returning to port

■ How

- Approved electronic vessel trip reporting system
- eFin Logbook: mobile app designed by anglers
 - Currently only for rec tilefish reporting
- NOAA Fish Online
 - Can satisfy GARFO eVTR requirements for rec tilefish, as well as commercial/for-hire trips

eFin Logbook Mobile App

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≡ ← Start Your Trip

WHAT IS YOUR TRIP ACTIVITY?

Fishing trip with effort(s) ▼

HOW MANY ANGLERS ON THIS TRIP?

2

WHAT VESSEL DID YOU SAIL ON?

▼

WHEN DID YOU SAIL?

Tuesday May 18, 2021

WHAT TIME DID YOU SAIL?

0:00

SAIL FISHING CATCHES LAND

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≡ ← Fishing Details

EFFORT NUMBER

Effort 1 ▼ +

WHERE DID YOU FISH?

37° 12', -76° 39' 📍

WHAT GEAR DID YOU FISH WITH?
HAND LINE/ROD & REEL

HOW MANY HOOKS PER LINE?

2

HOW LONG DID YOU FISH IN THIS EFFORT (HOURS)?

0:0

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≡ ← Catch Reporting

Effort Number

Effort 1 ▼

BLUELINE TILEFISH

KEPT 0 - +

DISCARDED 0 - +

GOLDEN TILEFISH

KEPT 0 - +

DISCARDED 0 - +

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≡ ← Complete Your Trip

WHAT PORT DID YOU LAND IN?

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WHEN DID YOU LAND?

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WHAT TIME DID YOU LAND?

02:06 PM

SUBMIT TRIP

SAIL FISHING CATCHES LAND

Implementation

- Training
 - April 28, 2020: Webinar/demo, recording available
 - FAQs/outreach materials on webpage
 - Port Agents
 - Rack Card
- Requirements went live in August 2020 (under 3 months left of season)
 - Season runs May 1st - October 31st
- 2020: ~340 permits, 8 recreational trips, 84 fish
- 2021: opened 5/1, notice of Tuna closure 5/4, detailed report anticipated at Oct. MAFMC meeting



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PERMITTING



REPORTING



ON-TIME

Heading out Tilefishing? Know Before You Go!

See our new permitting and reporting requirements for private boats fishing for or retaining blueline and golden tilefish.

Effective August 17, 2020



For more info, search the web for:

- GARFO Permits
- GARFO eVTR
- GARFO Port Agents

New Permitting and Reporting Requirements for Recreational Blueline and Golden Tilefish



Effective August 17, 2020, all recreational vessels fishing for blueline or golden tilefish must have a permit and report their trip within 24 hours of returning to port.

Who Does This Impact?

- Vessels fishing for or retaining tilefish from Virginia to Maine.
- For-hire vessels holding an existing GARFO permit who take private recreational tilefish trips.
- States may have additional permitting or reporting requirements for recreational fishing.

What Do I Need To Do?

- Obtain a Private Recreational Tilefish Permit from the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO).
- Report your trip with one of the available reporting options.

Why Is This Happening?

- To better characterize and monitor the tilefish fisheries for long-term sustainability.
- More information can be found on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's tilefish web page: mafmc.org/rec-tilefish-evtr.

Permitting (Search: GARFO Permits)



You must apply for your permit online. There is no cost for the permit.

How Do I Get a Permit?

Start with registering an account on the **GARFO Fish Online** website: greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/

- Create a user name and password.
- Existing permit holders may apply through their current **Fish Online** account.
- Click Initial **Private Recreational Tilefish Permit**.

Reporting (Search: GARFO eVTR)



You must report all trips that either targeted or retained tilefish to GARFO within 24 hours of returning to port using an approved electronic vessel trip reporting (eVTR) system.

How Do I Report?

eVTR apps are available for smartphones and tablets. See our website for reporting options and how to get started.

For assistance contact our
Help Desk at (978) 281-9188 or
nmfs.gar.helpdesk@noaa.gov. For additional
support, contact your local Port Agent.
(Search: GARFO Port Agents)

Next Steps

- Tilefish Permitting/Reporting Review at Oct. Council Meeting
 - # permits issued
 - Catch and landings
 - Effort
 - Reporting
 - Outreach
- Review can inform compliance
 - Some stakeholders concerned/frustrated with required reporting
 - Potential need for increase outreach efforts
 - App expansion, increase the value to user





Thank You!

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