

**Letter of Authorization
(LOA) Request Form**
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NMFS/Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
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| Owner: | Permit Number: |
| F/V: | Hull Number: |

To request an LOA, please enter the owner and vessel information requested above, and a valid start date and end date below. Please see the reverse side of this form for each LOA's enrollment season and minimum enrollment duration.
Please note: A vessel must hold a valid permit in the fishery for which an LOA is requested. Remember to sign and date this form below. For additional information on the LOAs listed, call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315, or visit www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits

You can fax the completed form to: (978) 281-9161, email to: NMFS.GAR.Permits@noaa.gov, or mail to:
NMFS – Permit Office
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| 2018 Fishing Year |
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The 2018 Fishing Year runs from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

| LOA | Requested Start Date | Requested End Date | Enrollment Duration |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Herring Carrier | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring GOM/GB Midwater Trawl | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring GOM/GB Purse Seine | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring Transfer and Receive at Sea | | | No minimum days required |
| Monkfish (SFMA) ** | | | Minimum 7 days |
| GOM Cod Landing Limit * | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Cultivator Shoals Whiting | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Raised Foot Rope Trawl Whiting | | | Minimum 7 days |
| P/C Western GOM Cashes Ledge CA | | April 30 | No withdrawal allowed |
| P/C GOM Cod Protection Closures | | | Minimum 90 days |
| GOM / GB Transiting | | | Minimum 7 days |
| SNE Little Tunny/Gillnet | | October 31 | No withdrawal allowed |
| Whiting & Red Hake Transfer-at-Sea | | | Minimum 7 days |
| NAFO Regulatory Area*** | | | |
| Summer Flounder Small-Mesh | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Skate (Bait) | | | Minimum 7 days |
| Spiny Dogfish (Nantucket Shoals) | | October 15 | No withdrawal allowed |
| SMB Transfer-at-Sea | | | No minimum days required |
| Atlantic Surfclam/Ocean Quahog GB CA | | April 30 | No minimum days required |

* This LOA is issued to vessels declaring such trips through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System.

**Vessels may declare in and out of the Monkfish Exemption Program via their VMS instead of requesting a paper LOA.

*** A vessel must hold a valid High Seas Fishing Permit under 50 CFR part 300 in order to be issued this LOA.

Applicant's Signature: I, the owner or authorized agent of the vessel named above, affirm subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information I have provided with this application are true and correct.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional LOA Information and Requirements

For additional information about each LOA program please go to this link:

<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/forms.html> or

<http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits>

A vessel issued a valid LOA must carry that LOA on board at all times while enrolled in the LOA program. The effective date of each LOA can be no earlier than one day after the date issued. A vessel's LOA will be valid and in effect for a period no less than its minimum enrollment duration. An LOA automatically expires at the end of a vessel's participation period, unless the owner/operator withdraws from an LOA program prior to that LOA's end date. To be eligible to withdraw from an LOA program, the vessel must meet the minimum enrollment requirement for that LOA and the owner/operator must contact the Greater Atlantic Region Permit Office to obtain a withdrawal certificate. The effective date of a withdrawal certificate can be no earlier than one day after the date requested. If a withdrawal is requested for a future date, then the date requested will be the end date. A vessel is not considered officially withdrawn from an LOA program until the owner/operator receives a withdrawal certificate.

LOA enrollments and withdrawals may be requested by mail, phone, or fax. The participation period for each LOA may not exceed the permit year for that fishery and owners/operators must apply each year to be issued an LOA for a given year.

| LOA | Enrollment Season | Enrollment Duration |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Herring Carrier | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring GOM/GB Midwater Trawl | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring GOM/GB Purse Seine | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Herring Transfer and Receive at Sea | May 1 - April 30 | No minimum days required |
| Monkfish (SFMA) ** | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| GOM Cod Landing Limit * | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Cultivator Shoals Whiting | June 15 - October 31 | Minimum 7 days |
| Raised Foot Rope Trawl Whiting | September 1 - December 31 | Minimum 7 days |
| P/C Western GOM Cashes Ledge CA | May 1 - April 30 | No withdrawal allowed |
| P/C GOM Cod Protection Closures | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 90 days |
| GOM / GB Transiting | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| SNE Little Tunny/Gillnet | September 1 - October 31 | No withdrawal allowed |
| Whiting & Red Hake Transfer-at-Sea | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| NAFO Regulatory Area*** | | |
| Summer Flounder Small-Mesh | November 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Skate (Bait) | May 1 - April 30 | Minimum 7 days |
| Spiny Dogfish (Nantucket Shoals) | June 1 - October 15 | No withdrawal allowed |
| SMB Transfer-at-Sea | May 1 - April 30 | No minimum days required |
| Atlantic Surfclam/Ocean Quahog GB CA | May 1 - April 30 | No minimum days required |

* This LOA is issued to vessels declaring trips through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System.

** VMS vessels may declare in and out of the Monkfish Exemption Program via their VMS unit instead of requesting a paper LOA.

*** A vessel must hold a valid High Seas Fishing Compliance Permit under 50 CFR part 300 in order to be issued this LOA.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions and completing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to: NMFS Permit Office, 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930. OMB NO. 0648-0202, Expires August 31, 2019. Owner name, vessel name, hull number, permit number, address, and LOA permit information collected on this form is not confidential and can be made available to the general public or released via a public NOAA Fisheries website. All other data submitted will be handled in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics and Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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