



# Northeast Region Bulletin

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## **Northeast Permitted Vessels** Change to Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting (eVTR) *Effective Immediately*

The NOAA Fisheries is pleased to announce that all Northeast Region permitted fishing vessels are now authorized to participate in electronic vessel trip reporting (eVTR). The eVTR program enables vessel operators to submit vessel trip report information (i.e., catch, gear used, area fished, etc.) to NOAA Fisheries electronically and eliminates the requirement to submit paper logbook forms. Participation in this program is voluntary. Electronic vessel reporting was approved for use in July 2011 for a segment of the groundfish fleet, but we are now authorizing it to be used by all vessels issued a Federal Northeast fishing permit.

For questions about the eVTR program, please contact Barry Clifford at [978-281-9148](tel:978-281-9148) or [barry.clifford@noaa.gov](mailto:barry.clifford@noaa.gov)

To obtain an eVTR password, please contact Alison Ferguson at [978-281-9209](tel:978-281-9209) or [Alison.Ferguson@noaa.gov](mailto:Alison.Ferguson@noaa.gov)

### **eVTR Software**

To participate in the eVTR program, you must use an approved software application. The software applications FLDRS and FACTS are the only ones that NOAA Fisheries has confirmed to meet the technical requirements of eVTR submissions. Please contact the following individuals for more information about these software applications.

#### **FLDRS software:**

Joan Palmer, Northeast Fisheries Science Center: [508-495-2247](tel:508-495-2247) or [Joan.Palmer@noaa.gov](mailto:Joan.Palmer@noaa.gov)  
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#### **FACTS software:**

Bryan Stevenson, Electric Edge Systems Group: [250-480-0642](tel:250-480-0642) or [bryan@electricedgesystems.com](mailto:bryan@electricedgesystems.com)

Additional software alternatives may become available in the future.

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