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## MONKFISH FISHERY

### Change to Reporting Requirements for Trip Limit Overages

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The method of reporting a monkfish trip limit overage through the interactive voice response (IVR) system has changed. Instead of using the IVR backup line, you must now report overages by calling the main IVR line at 888-284-4904 at least 1 hour prior to landing. Once on the IVR line, please answer "yes" to the trip limit overage question in the monkfish section. Reporting an overage may be done in the same call as the call for ending a monkfish trip.

<i>Frequently Asked Questions:</i>	
<b>Can I continue to call the IVR backup line if I prefer?</b>	No. Calling the backup line to report an overage is no longer a valid method of reporting an overage. Report an overage through the IVR backup line if the main IVR line is not functioning properly.
<b>What if I am required to use a vessel monitoring system (VMS)?</b>	This does not affect vessels using a VMS. You should continue to submit the "monkfish trip limit overage DAS adjustment" form through the vessel's VMS prior to crossing the demarcation line upon returning to port.
<b>How does the automatic days-at-sea (DAS) adjustment trip limit overage provision work?</b>	<p>A limited access monkfish vessel may land up to one daily monkfish trip limit more than otherwise authorized based on the actual monkfish DAS used during that trip, provided you notify us of the overage prior to landing. To account for the trip limit overage, a vessel's monkfish DAS charge will be rounded up to the next 24-hr period plus 1 minute (e.g., 15 hours = 24 hours and 1 minute, and 47 hours = 48 hours and 1 minute).</p> <p><i>For example, a category C permitted vessel in the southern area, having two daily monkfish trip limits on board (e.g., 1,100 lb of tails) that has been declared into the monkfish DAS program for only 15 hours, would be permitted to land the overage as long as the vessel notifies us prior to landing. The DAS charge for the trip would then be adjusted from 15 hours to 24 hours and 1 minute to account for the additional landings.</i></p>

Please visit <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/sfdmonk.html> for more information on this fishery. If you have any questions, please contact Sustainable Fisheries at 978-281-9315.

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