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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

CHANGES TO VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS) REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING YEAR 2011

Dear Boatracs VMS Vessel Owner:

You will be receiving new macros for your VMS unit this month directly from Boatracs. The macros will be uploaded to the QUALCOMM satellite network on Friday, **April 29, 2011**. Your Boatracs VMS unit should automatically receive the new macros. Please begin using the new macros for any trips you take on or after May 1, 2011.

This letter provides you with specific guidance on how to use your new Boatracs VMS macro screens to comply with approved regulatory changes that are likely to be effective on May 1, 2011.

Other regulatory actions under consideration may be approved following the distribution of this letter. As a result, the macro screens that you view on your Boatracs VMS unit are being updated to include both approved and proposed fishing year 2011 regulatory changes. Any proposed VMS measures that are not ultimately approved may require a future update of your VMS software.

REQUIRED VMS MACROS

Your Boatracs VMS unit must be loaded and running the new NMFS-approved macros by May 1, 2011. The new macros are identified as **Vessel Activity Reports (Declarations) version 13** and **Forms version 7**. The macro version appears at the top of each macro screen.

BOATRACS' MACRO DELIVERY PLAN

Boatracs will provide its Northeast customers with the new NMFS-approved VMS macros. You do not need to have your Boatracs VMS powered up on April 29th if your vessel is in port and authorized to power down. Your Boatracs VMS unit should automatically receive the new macros the first time that you power up your VMS on or after April 29th. Please confirm that your VMS has received the new macros before declaring and taking your first trip on/after May 1st. Please contact Boatracs directly at **1-800-262-8722** if you have any questions about your new macro delivery.

NEW BOATRACS MACRO NUMBERING

The Boatracs macro numbers have changed in order to group the forms macros together based on fishery plan. The new macro list is shown below:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Declaration or Form</u>	<u>New Macro</u>
Multispecies	Declaration (Page 1) (Regular Access & Closed Area I Hook Gear Haddock (HGH) Special Access Program (SAP))	19

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LIST OF ALL REQUIRED VMS DECLARATIONS AND FORMS SCREENS

Here is a complete listing of all Northeast VMS (macro) screens by fishery management plan. A brief summary of the approved or proposed 2011 changes, if any, are included. Instructions for completing the new and revised Boatracs forms starting May 1, 2011 are provided in **enclosure (1)**.

Multispecies.

- **Multispecies Declaration.** Under the B-DAS Program declaration (Macro 21), the following field has been removed “ __ Check to confirm common pool trip”.
- **Multispecies Catch Report.** No longer requires you to enter a ‘zero’ in fields where no fish were kept. Removes ‘windowpane’ flounder species from reporting. Adds instructions about negative reports.
- **Trip Start and End Hail.** Combined into one macro. Title drops the word ‘Sector’ and the instructions refer to use by groundfish vessels. Trip Start Hail adds a new field ‘Observer/At-Sea Monitor (ASM) On-Board (Y/N)’. Trip End Hail revises the dealer field to ‘Dealer/Offload location’.
- **Western Georges Bank and Southern New England Restricted Gear Area (RGA) Notification.** Combined into one macro (#37) for common pool vessels.

- **GOM Cod Trip Limit Exemption.** The form now requires common pool vessels to check a box in order to declare their intent and send the form.
- **GOM Gillnet Mesh Exemption. NEW FORM.** Required by sector vessels if they intend to fish under the 6” gillnet exemption in the GOM Regulated Mesh Area (RMA).

Monkfish.

- **Declaration.** No changes.
- **Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment. NEW FORM.** Required when exceeding the monkfish daily limit by no more than one extra limit and requesting to be charged the appropriate monkfish DAS to account for the extra limit.

Scallop.

- **Scallop Declaration.** Removes the scallop-specific Power Down declaration (LAGC vessels may power down using a new VMS code). Adds ‘Hudson Canyon’ and ‘State Waters Exemption Program’ to LAGC and limited access declaration menus. Removes specific access areas from the RSA menu and adds a generic ‘Scallop Access Area(s)’ declaration. If participating in the State Waters Exemption Program, you may now report through VMS, rather than through the IVR system. Although the Hudson Canyon declaration is included in the menu, this access area remains closed. If Framework 22 is approved, you will be notified of any changes to the access area rotational schedule.
- **Scallop Catch Report.** Revises the scallop catch report based on new reporting requirements proposed in Amendment 15. These instructions require daily catch reporting within the two yellowtail flounder stock areas. New fields include ‘Date Fish Caught’, ‘GB YT’ and ‘SNE/MA YT’ stock area and ‘All Other Fish Kept’. Be aware that these reporting instructions outline requirements that are not yet finalized. Please continue reporting your catch only from access area trips.
- **LAGC Scallop Pre-Landing Notification.** Allows for the reporting of both ‘Meats’ and ‘Bushels in-shell’ if the intent is to land both.
- **Scallop Broken Trip Notification.** The instructions are clarified to specify the two situations when the report should be sent.
- **Scallop Access Area Compensation Trip.** No changes.

Herring.

- **Herring Declaration.** No changes.
- **Herring Catch Report. NEW FORM. DO NOT SUBMIT UNTIL NOTIFIED FURTHER.** This report, if/when approved, would require daily reporting by all

limited access vessels on a declared herring trip. Please continue to report herring catch through the IVR system until notified otherwise.

- **Herring Pre-Landing Notification.** Instructions are clarified to require reporting only from CAT A/B vessels using mid-water trawl or purse seine gear on a declared herring trip.

SurfClam, Ocean Quahog & Maine Mahogany Quahog. No changes.

Declare Out of Fishery & Power Down.

- **Power Down Declaration.** Adds a new Power Down declaration for use while moored/dockside ONLY by LAGC scallop vessels and authorized groundfish sector vessels IF they do not have more restrictive permits requiring 24/7 reporting.

CONTACTING THE NE VMS TEAM

If you have any questions about your new VMS macros or the Northeast VMS program, please call (978) 281-9213 and ask for a VMS Team member to assist you.

NORTHEAST VMS WEB PAGE

You can find the VMS Web Page on the NE Region website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov>. Go to “Resources”, click on “Fishing Industry and Seafood Dealers”, and then select “Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)”. You will find all VMS forms/instructions, including declaration code definitions, VMS Operator Instructions and VMS Team/NMFS agent contact information.

This letter is only a summary of approved and proposed NE regulations for Fishing Year 2011 as they pertain to VMS reporting requirements and should not be considered as a substitute for the actual regulations. To read these regulations in their entirety, you may obtain a complete copy by calling (978) 281-9315, or by accessing the Northeast Regional Office website.

Enclosure (1): User Instructions for Boatracs VMS Vessel Owners

This small entity compliance guide complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996.

This notice is authorized by the Administrator of the NOAA Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.

ENCLOSURE (1)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOATRACS VMS OWNERS

The following pages will show you the new and revised Boatracs VMS macro screens and provide you with easy to follow instructions for completing them.

Multispecies Declaration (Page 3). This macro is for use by Common Pool vessels only when intending to take a groundfish B-DAS Program trip.

MACRO 21

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VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT V13.2
NE - MULTISPECIES DECLARATION (PAGE 3)

SELECT GEAR TYPE:
_ TRAWL          _ HOOK
_ DAY GILLNET    _ TRIP GILLNET

SELECT BROAD STOCK AREA (BSA):
NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
_ BSA 1-GULF OF MAINE
_ BSA 2-INSHORE GEORGES BANK
_ BSA 3-OFFSHORE GEORGES BANK
_ BSA 4-SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

B-DAS PROGRAM (NMS-BDP)
NOTE: APPLIES TO COMMON POOL ONLY
SELECT DAS USED:
_ A DAS (USE TO FLIP FROM B-DAS)
_ B-REG DAS
NOTE: B-DAS MUST BE FLIPPED TO A-DAS
      IF TRIP LIMIT EXCEEDED.
SELECT FISHING AREA:
_ OPEN ONLY
_ AREA 4 ONLY
_ AREA 4 AND OPEN
_ AREA 2
FLEX OPTION - ADD TO YOUR EASTERN
AREA 2 TRIP:
_ FLEX WEST (ADD AREA 4 ONLY)
_ FLEX OPEN (ADD AREA 4 AND OPEN)
NOTE: ONLY ONE FLEX PER TRIP ALLOWED

_ ADD CONCURRENT SCALLOP DAS TRIP
  SEE DETAILS ON MACRO 19
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NMFS has removed the following field:
“_ Check to Confirm Common Pool Trip”

Scallop Declaration Screen. Remember - you may not declare into a scallop access area until that area is open to fishing. You may declare into the State Waters Exemption Program as of May 1, 2011; if you have both a limited access and LAGC permit, declare into the exemption program under the 'Limited Access Permit' declaration menu. If you're declaring an RSA trip into one or more scallop access areas open to fishing, you may select 'Scallop Access Area(s)' as of May 1, 2011.

MACRO 22

Note: The LAGC scallop power down declaration has been removed. See the 'Declaration for Other' screen on the next page).

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VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT V13.3
NE - SCALLOP DECLARATION

GEN CAT (LAGC) PERMIT [SES-SCG]
- OPEN (FEDERAL EXEMPTION AREAS)
- CLOSED AREA 1 SAA
- CLOSED AREA 2 SAA
- NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP SAA
- HUDSON CANYON SAA
- ELEPHANT TRUNK SAA
- NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE
- DELMARVA SAA
- STATE WATERS EXEMPTION PROGRAM
LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT
REGULAR ACCESS TRIP
- OPEN (SES-SCA)
SPECIAL ACCESS TRIP (SES-SAA)
IS THIS A COMPENSATION TRIP?
(NOTE: SELECT FOR SAA TRIPS ONLY)
- NO
- YES (ALSO SEND SCALLOP ACCESS
      AREA COMPENSATION TRIP FORM)
  SELECT FISHING AREA:
  - CLOSED AREA 1 SAA
  - CLOSED AREA 2 SAA
  - NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP SAA
  - HUDSON CANYON SAA
  - ELEPHANT TRUNK SAA
  - DELMARVA SAA
STATE WATERS EXEMPTION PROGRAM
- OPEN [SES-SWE]
RESEARCH SET ASIDE TRIP (SES-RSA)
- OPEN
- SCALLOP ACCESS AREA(S)
  
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LAGC trip declaration: Make only one selection by entering an 'X' in the appropriate field.

Limited Access trip declaration: Select a regular access, special access or state waters exemption trip. For special access trips, you must also select whether or not this will be a compensation trip.

RSA trip declaration: Make only one selection by entering an 'X' in the appropriate field.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Herring, Declare Out of Fishery and Power Down Declaration. A new power down declaration was added to this macro. Refer to the note below for specific instructions on its restricted use.

MACRO 24

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VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT V13.5
NE - OTHER DECLARATIONS

SURFCLAM OR OCEAN QUAHOG:
_ SURFCLAM ITQ TRIP (SCO-SFC)
_ OCEAN QUAHOG ITQ TRIP (SCO-OQU)
_ MAINE MAHOGANY QUAHOG TRIP (SCO-MMQ)

HERRING:
_ HERRING (HER-HER)

DECLARE OUT OF FISHERY:
_ DECLARE OUT OF LIMITED ACCESS
SCALLOP, NE MULTISPECIES OR MONKFISH
DAS, LAGC SCALLOP, HERRING,
SURFCLAM/OCEAN QUAHOG OR SE REGION
TRIP (DOF-DOF)

POWER DOWN DECLARATION(RESTRICTED USE)
_ NMFS-AUTHORIZED POWER DOWN (PWD-PWD)
IMPORTANT: DECLARATION IS RESTRICTED
FOR USE AT THE DOCK OR MOORING ONLY BY
AUTHORIZED LAGC SCALLOP AND GROUND FISH
SECTOR VESSELS; USE OF THE POWERDOWN
DECLARATION WHILE UNDERWAY IS A
VIOLATION. ALL OTHER VESSELS ARE NOT
AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS DECLARATION.
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Note: No changes were made to the Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Herring or DOF declarations.

Caution: This declaration can only be used by groundfish sector vessels granted a NMFS exemption as well as LAGC scallop vessels IF those vessels do not have more restrictive permits requiring 24/7 VMS reporting. The new VMS Code is: PWD-PWD-XXXXXX.

Vessels on a NMFS-authorized LOE do not need to send this declaration.

Multispecies Catch Report. Your reporting requirement is determined by whether you are a sector or common pool vessel; whether fishing in a single broad stock area (BSA) or multiple BSAs on the same trip; and whether you're fishing in the US/CA Management Area, under the Regular B-DAS Program, or in a SAP, as follows:

Vessel Category	Frequency of Report Submission	Multiple BSA Trip	Single BSA Trip	US/CA Management Area, B-DAS, SAP Trip
Sector	Once at the end of the trip	Send all fields except 'DATE FISH CAUGHT' and 'STATISTICAL AREA'.	Send VTR serial number only.	Send all fields except 'DATE FISH CAUGHT', and 'STATISTICAL AREA' when the trip is fished in more than one statistical area.
Common Pool	Daily – if fishing in a special management program. Once at the end of the trip – if fishing outside of a special management program and in a single or in multiple BSAs.	Send all fields except 'STATISTICAL AREA' when the trip is fished in more than one statistical area.	Send VTR serial number only.	Send all fields except 'STATISTICAL AREA' when the trip is fished in more than one statistical area.

MACRO 35

Only if required, enter the 3-digit NMFS statistical area where the fish were caught.

Enter only the fields (up to 6 numbers each) in which fish were kept (in lbs). **You do not have to enter a zero in the other fields.**

'All Fish Kept': These 4 fields should reflect the total (in lbs) of all fish species kept.

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MULTISPECIES CATCH REPORT V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VTR SERIAL NUMBER: _____
DATE FISH CAUGHT: MONTH (01-12)___
                  DAY   (01-31)___

STATISTICAL AREA: _____
SPECIES KEPT GOM IN-GB OFF-GB SNE/MA
=====
COD
YELLOWTAIL _____
POLLOCK _____
WHITE HAKE _____
WINTER FLDR _____
WITCH FLDR _____
HADDOCK _____
REDFISH _____
PLAICE _____
HALIBUT _____
ALL FISH _____
NOTE: FOR 'ALL FISH' KEPT, INCLUDE
TOTAL LBS OF ALL GROUND FISH AND
NON-GROUND FISH.

THIS REPORT IS TO BE USED FOR ALL
GROUND FISH TRIPS, INCLUDING TRIPS INTO
MULTIPLE BROAD STOCK AREAS (BSA), US/
CANADA MANAGEMENT AREA, REGULAR B-DAS
PROGRAM, SPECIAL ACCESS PROGRAMS.
FOR MULTIPLE BSA TRIPS: SUBMIT ONE
TRIP-LEVEL REPORT BEFORE CROSSING THE
VMS DEMARCATION LINE ON RETURN TRIP.
FOR SINGLE BSA TRIPS: SUBMIT ONLY
THE VTR SERIAL NUMBER AND NO OTHER
INFORMATION BEFORE CROSSING THE VMS
DEMARCATION LINE ON RETURN TRIP.
FOR US/CA, B-DAS AND/OR SAP TRIPS:
FOR EACH DAY OF A DECLARED TRIP, THIS
REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9 AM THE
FOLLOWING DAY. NEGATIVE REPORTS (0 LB)
MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN NO FISH WERE
CAUGHT.

IMPORTANT: REPORT SPECIES IN LBS
KEPT. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER A
'ZERO' IN FIELDS ABOVE IN WHICH NO
FISH WERE KEPT. VTR SERIAL NUMBER MUST
BE THE SAME AS REPORTED TO THE DEALER.
IF YOU USE MULTIPLE VTR PAGES THIS
TRIP, RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER FROM
THE FIRST VTR PAGE USED.

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Enter your VTR (logbook) serial or page number (up to 14 numeric characters).

These labels refer to the 4 BSAs:
- Gulf of Maine
- Inshore Georges Bank
- Offshore Georges Bank
- Southern New England/ Mid-Atlantic

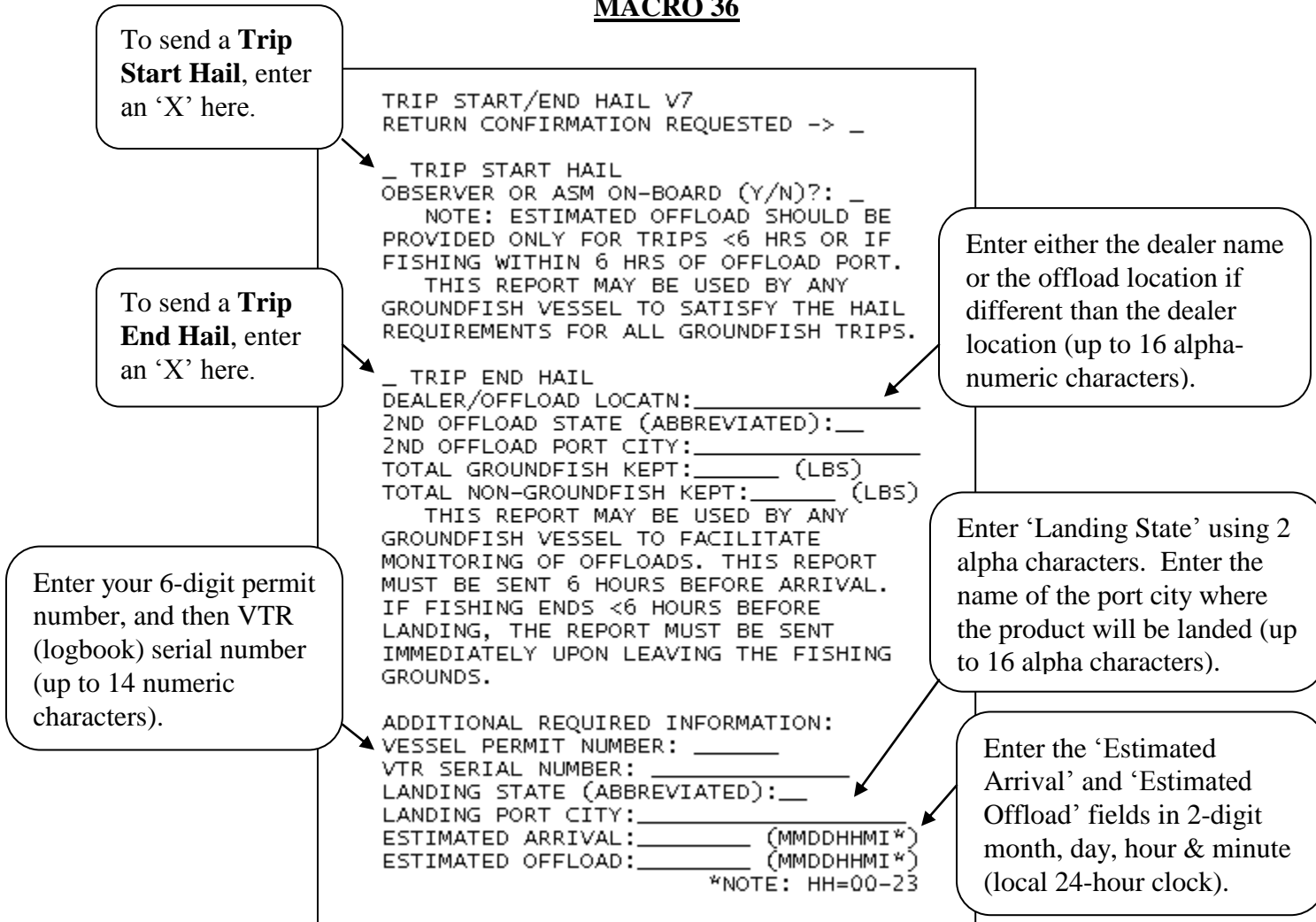
To send a negative daily report, you only need to fill in the 'VTR Serial Number' field.

Trip Start Hail and Trip End Hail. These two macros have been combined into a single macro 36. There are three parts to this macro – reading from top to bottom, they are the Trip Start Hail, Trip End Hail, and Additional Required Information.

To send a Trip Start Hail: Enter an ‘X’ in the field to the left of ‘Trip Start Hail’ as shown below. Next, enter a ‘Y’ or ‘N’ in the Observer/ASM field (this new field may be used to determine whether dockside monitoring is required in 2011 and 2012). Read the ‘Note’ in the Trip Start Hail section to determine if you are required to complete the ‘Estimated Offload’ field. Finally, enter information in the fields under ‘Additional Required Information’ at the bottom of the form.

To send a Trip End Hail: Enter an ‘X’ in the field to the left of ‘Trip End Hail’ as shown below. Next, complete the five fields that follow. For the ‘Dealer/ Offload Location’ field, state either the dealer or the offload location if different than the dealer location. If you will only conduct one offload on the trip, leave blank the ‘Second Offload State’ and ‘Second Offload Port City’ fields. Finally, enter information in the fields under ‘Additional Required Information’ at the bottom of the form.

MACRO 36



Restricted Gear Area Notification. Two macros have been combined into a single macro 37. This form is required to be sent by Common Pool vessels only, before leaving port, if intending to fish all or part of the trip within one of the restricted gear areas (RGA).

MACRO 37

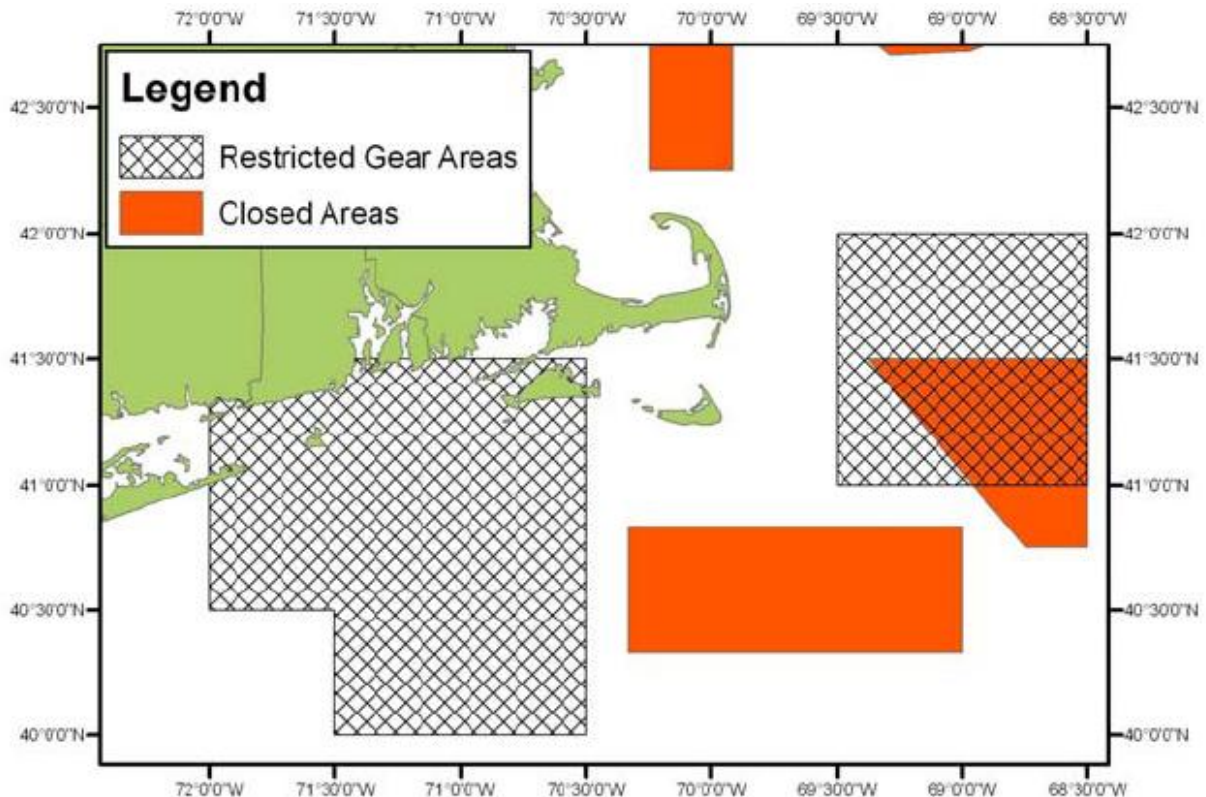
Enter an 'X' in the appropriate field, and then send the form.

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RESTRICTED GEAR AREA NOTIFICATION V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

SELECT ONE:
_X WESTERN GEORGES BANK MULTISPECIES RGA
_S SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND MULTISPECIES RGA
COMMON POOL VESSELS DECLARING A NE
MULTISPECIES DAS AND INTENDING TO FISH
ALL OR PART OF THEIR TRIP WITHIN AN
RGA ARE REQUIRED TO SEND THIS FORM
PRIOR TO LEAVING PORT. YOU MUST COMPLY
WITH ALL GEAR REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE
RGA. OTHER GEAR IS NOT ALLOWED ONBOARD
WHEN FISHING PART OF TRIP IN THE RGA.
SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU INTEND TO
FISH WITHIN THE SELECTED RGA. YOU CAN
FISH BOTH INSIDE/OUTSIDE THIS RGA, BUT
YOU ARE HELD TO THE MOST RESTRICTIVE
MEASURES DURING YOUR ENTIRE TRIP.
    
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Groundfish Restricted Gear Areas applicable to Common Pool Vessels



Gulf of Maine Cod Trip Limit Exemption. The only change is to check the field and then send the form. This form is required for Common Pool vessels, prior to leaving port, on groundfish trips with possession limits fished outside the U.S./Canada Management Area. See the bottom of this page for a view of the multispecies regulated mesh areas (RMA).

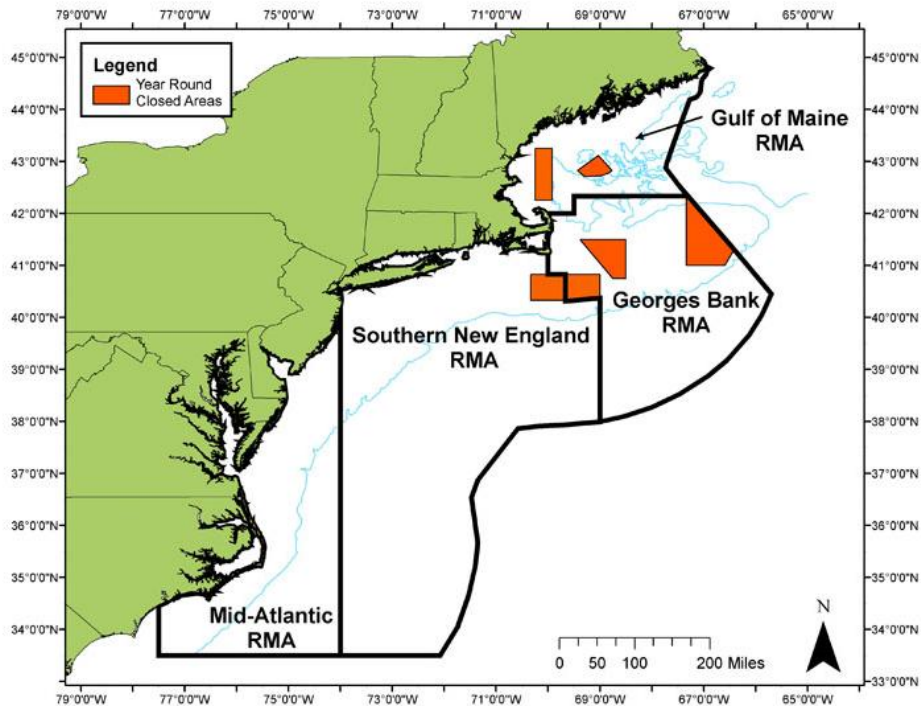
MACRO 38

Enter an 'X' in this field, and then send the form.

GOM COD TRIP LIMIT EXEMPTION V7
 RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

NOTE: VESSELS DECLARING THE U.S./ CANADA MANAGEMENT AREA EXCLUSIVELY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THIS FORM. _CHECK HERE PRIOR TO LEAVING PORT TO REPORT THAT YOU INTEND TO FISH SOUTH OF THE GULF OF MAINE REGULATED MESH AREA (GOM RMA) AND WOULD LIKE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE GOM COD TRIP LIMIT AND SUBJECT TO THE GEORGES BANK (GB) TRIP LIMIT INSTEAD. IF YOU SUBMIT THIS FORM YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE GB COD TRIP LIMIT AND CAN'T FISH IN THE GOM RMA FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR TRIP. IF ALL GEAR IS PROPERLY STOWED, TRANSITING IS ALLOWED WHILE WITHIN THE GOM RMA.

NE Multispecies Regulated Mesh Areas



DISCLAIMER: These charts are not meant for navigational purposes. They are informational only.

AREA DEFINITIONS

50 CFR CITATIONS

GOM/GB Regulated Mesh Area
 SNE Regulated Mesh Area
 MA Regulated Mesh Area

[§ 648.80\(a\)](#)
[§ 648.80\(b\)](#)
[§ 648.80\(c\)](#)

Gulf of Maine Gillnet Mesh Exemption. This form is required by groundfish sector vessels only. To declare this NMFS-authorized sector exemption from the GOM gear restriction, you must check the box and send the form before leaving port. Refer to the chart on the previous page for a view of the GOM RMA.

MACRO 39

Enter an 'X' in this field, and then send the form.

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GOM GILLNET MESH EXEMPTION V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

_CHECK HERE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM PRIOR
TO LEAVING PORT IF YOU ARE A SECTOR
VESSEL AND INTEND TO FISH UNDER THIS
EXEMPTION USING 6" MESH GILLNETS IN
THE GULF OF MAINE REGULATED MESH AREA.
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Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment. All three fields are required to be filled in before sending the form. The form must be sent before the trip ends (before crossing the VMS demarcation line) so that NMFS automated processes associate the DAS adjustment request with the trip dates. The DAS charge for the trip is automatically adjusted.

MACRO 40

First, enter the information in the 2 fields to the right, and then enter an 'X' in this field and send the form.

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MONKFISH TRIP LIMIT OVERAGE DAS ADJ V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VTR SERIAL NUMBER: _____
ESTIMATED PORT ARRIVAL DATE: _____
                               (MMDDYYYY)

_CHECK HERE TO REPORT THAT YOUR VESSEL
HAS EXCEEDED THE APPLICABLE MONKFISH
DAILY TRIP LIMIT BY NO MORE THAN ONE
EXTRA LIMIT AND YOU ARE REQUESTING
THAT YOUR MONKFISH DAS ALLOCATION BE
CHARGED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE EXTRA ONE-
DAY TRIP LIMIT. YOUR VESSEL'S MONKFISH
DAS CHARGE WILL BE INCREASED UP TO THE
NEXT 24 HOUR PERIOD PLUS ONE MINUTE.
INSTRUCTION: THIS FORM ONLY APPLIES
TO VESSELS FISHING ON A MONKFISH
DAY-AT-SEA (DAS) AND IS REQUIRED TO BE
SENT BEFORE THE VESSEL CROSSES THE VMS
DEMARCATIION LINE ON THE RETURN TO
PORT. COMPLETE ALL FIELDS ABOVE.
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Enter up to 14 numeric characters.

Enter arrival information in 2-digit month and day, and 4-digit year.

Scallop Catch Report. The scallop catch report form has been updated to reflect changes that would occur if Amendment 15 to the Scallop fishery management plan is approved. However, until you have been notified by NMFS of the approval and implementation of Amendment 15, you are only required to send this daily report when declared into a scallop access area and only the following fields are required: VTR, Scallop Meats Kept, Yellowtail Kept, and Yellowtail Discarded. Since reporting by Yellowtail Stock Area is not currently required, you should enter the species kept/discarded information in the 'GB YT' column only.

MACRO 41

These instructions are based on new reporting requirements proposed in Amendment 15. Until further notice, you are only required to submit this form when on a declared access area trip.

Note the change in the instructions requiring negative reports. To send a negative report, you only need to fill in the 'VTR' field.

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SCALLOP CATCH REPORT V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VTR SERIAL NUMBER: _____
DATE FISH CAUGHT: MONTH (01-12) ____
                   DAY   (01-31)  ____
SPECIES (LBS)      GB YT  SNE/MA YT
SCALLOP MEATS KEPT _____
YELLOWTAIL KEPT   _____
YELLOWTAIL DISCARDED _____
ALL OTHER* FISH KEPT _____
*EXCLUDE SCALLOP AND YELLOWTAIL
THIS REPORT IS REQUIRED BY ALL
LIMITED ACCESS SCALLOP AND LAGC IFQ
VESSELS ON ALL DECLARED SCALLOP TRIPS
ONLY WHEN FISHING IN THE GEORGES BANK
YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER STOCK AREA (GB YT)
AND THE SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND/
MID-ATLANTIC YELLOWTAIL FLOUNDER STOCK
AREA (SNE/MA YT). FOR EACH DAY OF A
DECLARED TRIP, THIS REPORT MUST BE
SUBMITTED BY 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.
NEGATIVE REPORTS (0 LB) MUST BE
SUBMITTED WHEN NO FISH WERE CAUGHT.
NOTE: THE VTR SERIAL NUMBER MUST BE
THE SAME NUMBER REPORTED TO THE
SEAFOOD DEALER RECEIVING THE LANDINGS
AT THE END OF THE TRIP. IF YOU USE
MULTIPLE PAGES OF THE VTR ON THE TRIP,
RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER FROM THE
FIRST VTR PAGE USED.
    
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Until Amendment 15 is approved, you are only required to complete these fields. Provide the total for each day in the access area (up to 6 numeric characters in each field).

If Amendment 15 is approved, you will also need to fill in the two 'All Other* Fish Kept' fields. Be sure to exclude scallop and yellowtail flounder from the total in these fields.

LAGC Scallop Pre-Landing Notification. Read the 'Instructions' and the 'Note' at the bottom of the macro to determine whether you must send this form before returning to port. If you won't be landing any scallops, you don't have to complete the fields below the 'Scallops Retained/Landed' field. In the 'Estimated Scallops onboard' field, you may enter 'Meats' or 'Bushels in-shell' or enter a quantity in both fields if both meats and in-shell scallops are being landed.

MACRO 42

LAGC SCALLOP PRE-LAND NOTIFICATION V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VESSEL CAPTAIN/OPERATOR'S NAME: _____

CORRECTION OF A PRIOR REPORT: _ (Y/N)
IF YES, DATE OF PRIOR REPORT: _____
(MMDDYY)

IF YES, ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW, INCLUDING BLANK FIELDS, WILL REPLACE THE DATA SUBMITTED IN THE PRIOR REPORT.

VTR SERIAL NUMBER: _____

SCALLOPS RETAINED/LANDED? _ (Y/N)

IF NO, SUBMIT FORM.

IF YES, COMPLETE REMAINING BLOCKS THEN SUBMIT FORM.

ANY SCALLOPS CAUGHT IN NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE (NGOM) AREA? _ (Y/N)

ESTIMATED SCALLOPS ONBOARD
(NOTE: ONLY ENTER LBS AND BUSHELS IF INTENDING TO LAND BOTH)

MEATS (LBS): _____

BUSHELS IN-SHELL: _____

ESTIMATED LANDING: _____

DATE: _____ (MMDDYY)

HOUR(00-23): ____ MINUTE(00-59): ____

LANDING PORT STATE: ____ (ABBREVIATED)

LANDING PORT CITY: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: ALL LAGC IFQ AND NGOM-PERMITTED VESSELS MUST SEND A COMPLETED FORM ON (1) ALL DECLARED LAGC SCALLOP TRIPS AND (2) ALL OTHER TRIPS WHEN SCALLOPS ARE KEPT. SEND FORM AT LEAST 6 HOURS PRIOR TO LANDING, AND BEFORE CROSSING THE VMS DEMARCATION LINE. HOWEVER, IF THE SCALLOP HARVEST ENDS <6 HRS BEFORE LANDING, THEN SEND REPORT IMMEDIATELY UPON LEAVING THE FISHING GROUNDS.

NOTE: LIMITED ACCESS SCALLOP VESSELS HOLDING LAGC IFQ OR NGOM PERMITS MUST SEND THIS FORM ONLY WHEN FISHING ON DECLARED LAGC SCALLOP TRIP.

Enter up to 20 alpha characters.

If no scallops will be landed, enter an 'N' and send the form. If 'Y', complete the remaining fields.

Enter your estimated landing date (2-digit month, day, year), and 2-digit hour and minute (24-hour local clock).

Enter 'Y' if you need to send corrected information for a previously-sent report. In the next field, provide the date (2-digit month, day, and year without parentheses) of the previous report.

Enter meats, or bushels, or meats and bushels (up to 5 numeric characters each).

Enter 'Estimated Landing' date (2-digit month, day, and year without parentheses) and time (local 24-hour clock)

'Landing Port City':
Enter up to 20 alpha characters.

Scallop Broken Trip Notification. This report is only for limited access vessels declared into a scallop access area. Complete all fields to send the form. See the revised instructions (bottom of macro) that explain the situations when the form must be sent to receive a NMFS compensation trip.

MACRO 43

SCALLOP BROKEN TRIP NOTIFICATION V7
 RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VESEL CAPTAIN/OPERATOR NAME: _____

TIME OF FISHING TERMINATION
 HOUR (00-23): __ MINUTE(00-59): __

ESTIMATED LANDING
 MONTH(01-12): __ DAY (01-31): __
 HOUR (00-23): __ MINUTE(00-59): __

ESTIMATED SCALLOP MEATS: _____(LBS)

REASON FOR TERMINATION: _____

THIS REPORT IS TO BE SENT ONCE THE LIMITED ACCESS VESSEL OPERATOR DETERMINES THAT THE SCALLOP ACCESS AREA TRIP MUST BE TERMINATED EITHER (1) PRIOR TO ENTERING THE ACCESS AREA, OR (2) WHILE FISHING AND BEFORE THE FULL POSSESSION LIMIT IS REACHED.
 NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO MAIL OR FAX A COMPLETED BROKEN TRIP ADJUSTMENT SHEET TO NMFS TO RECEIVE A COMPENSATION TRIP

Enter up to 20 alpha characters.

Enter up to 5 numeric characters.

Enter up to 35 alpha characters.

Note: You can find this form at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/sfd/> under "Forms and Applications".

Herring Catch Report. DO NOT SUBMIT UNTIL NOTIFIED FURTHER. NMFS is in the process of developing a rulemaking to revise 2011 reporting requirements. While this form is available on your VMS, please DO NOT use this form to report herring catch and discard information. Until notified otherwise, please continue reporting herring catch/discards weekly via the IVR system. When rulemaking is final, you'll receive a permit holder letter detailing any new reporting requirements and, if appropriate, instructions for using the approved catch report.

MACRO 45

HERRING CATCH REPORT V7
 RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

VTR SERIAL NUMBER: _____

DATE FISH CAUGHT: MONTH (01-12) __
 DAY (01-31) __

AREA 1A	AREA 1B	AREA 2	AREA 3
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KEPT _____

DISCARD _____

*ALL ENTRIES ARE FOR HERRING IN LBS
 THIS REPORT IS REQUIRED BY ALL LIMITED ACCESS HERRING VESSELS ON ALL DECLARED HERRING TRIPS. FOR EACH DAY OF A DECLARED TRIP, THIS REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. NEGATIVE REPORTS (0 LB) MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN NO FISH WERE CAUGHT.
 REMINDER: HERRING PERMIT CATEGORY A AND B VESSELS FISHING WITH MID-WATER TRAWL OR PURSE SEINE GEAR ON A DECLARED HERRING TRIP ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SEND A HERRING PRE-LANDING NOTIFICATION REPORT THROUGH VMS.
 NOTE: VTR SERIAL NUMBER MUST BE THE SAME NUMBER REPORTED TO THE SEAFOOD DEALER RECEIVING THE LANDINGS AT THE END OF THE TRIP. IF YOU USE MULTIPLE PAGES OF THE VTR ON THE TRIP, RECORD THE SERIAL NUMBER FROM THE FIRST VTR PAGE USED.

Herring Pre-landing Notification. Only All Areas (Cat A) and Areas 2/3 (Cat B) vessels on a VMS-declared herring trip using mid-water trawl or purse seine gear are required to send this form. Complete all fields and send the form while at sea per the instructions at the bottom of the form.

MACRO 46

The image shows a screenshot of a terminal window displaying the 'HERRING PRE-LANDING NOTIFICATION V7' form. The form contains several fields for data entry, including month, day, hour, and minute, as well as landing port state and city. A callout box on the left points to the landing port city field, stating 'Enter up to 16 alpha characters.' Another callout box on the right points to the bottom of the form, containing a note: 'Note: After completing all fields, send the form while at sea based on the time requirement in the instructions.'

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HERRING PRE-LANDING NOTIFICATION V7
RETURN CONFIRMATION REQUESTED -> _

ESTIMATED LANDING:
MONTH(01-12): _ DAY (01-31): _
HOUR (00-23): _ MINUTE(00-59): _
LANDING PORT STATE: _ (ABBREVIATED)
LANDING PORT CITY: _____

THIS REPORT IS TO BE SENT BY ALL
HERRING CATEGORY A AND B VESSELS
FISHING WITH MID-WATER TRAWL OR PURSE
SEINE GEAR ON A DECLARED HERRING TRIP
AT LEAST 6 HOURS PRIOR TO CROSSING THE
VMS DEMARCATION LINE ON THE RETURN
TRIP TO PORT, OR 6 HOURS PRIOR TO
LANDING IF NO FISHING OCCURRED SEAWARD
OF THE VMS DEMARCATION LINE.
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We've reviewed all the new or revised VMS macro screens on your Boatracs unit. If you have any questions about this letter or your VMS reporting requirements, including the submission of the above forms, please call the Northeast VMS Team at **(978) 281-9213**.