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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

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

Dear Thrane VMS Vessel Owner:

You will be receiving new software for your VMS unit this month directly from your VMS vendor, GMPCS. An over-the-air download of the new software is scheduled for the week of **April 25th**. Please refer to the specific dates under the GMPCS Software Delivery Plan section below. Please begin using this new software for any trips you take on or after **May 1, 2011**.

This letter provides you with specific guidance on how to use your new Thrane VMS 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 distribution of this letter. As a result, the screens that you view on your Thrane 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 SOFTWARE

Your Thrane VMS unit must be loaded and running the new NMFS-approved software by May 1, 2011. The new software is identified as **Trip Declaration version 9.0** and **Reports version 9.0**.

GMPCS SOFTWARE DELIVERY PLAN

GMPCS will conduct two over-the-air download events: April 26th and April 28th from 8am to 6pm (EDT). Please ensure that your Thrane VMS unit is powered up and the 'Easy Mail' software is running during at least one of these events. Please confirm that your VMS unit has received the new software before declaring and taking your first trip on/after May 1st. Please contact GMPCS directly at **1-954-973-3100** if you have any questions about your new software delivery. You will also be able to download the new software directly from the GMPCS website at www.gmpcs-us.com.

LIST OF ALL REQUIRED VMS DECLARATIONS AND FORMS SCREENS

Here is a complete listing of all Northeast VMS screens by Fishery Management Plan. A brief summary of the 2011 changes, if any, are included. Instructions for completing the new and revised Thrane forms starting May 1, 2011 are provided in **enclosure (1)**.

Multispecies.

- **Multispecies Declaration.** No changes.

- **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.** 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.** No changes.
- **Gulf of Maine (GOM) Cod Trip Limit Exemption.** The form now requires the user to check a box in order to declare their intent and send the form.
- **Gulf of Maine (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 Days-At-Sea (DAS) Adjustment. NEW FORM.** Required when exceeding the monkfish daily limit by no more than one extra limit and requesting appropriate monkfish DAS charged to account for the extra limit.

Scallop.

- **Scallop Declaration.** Removes the scallop-specific Power Down declaration (limited access general category (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 Research Set-Aside (RSA) menu and adds a generic ‘Scallop Access Area(s)’ declaration. If participating in the State Waters Exemption Program, you may now report using VMS, rather than the IVR system. Although the Hudson Canyon declaration is included, this access area remains closed. If Framework 22 is approved, you’ll 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.
- **Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Scallop Pre-Landing Notification.** Allows 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.** The ‘Other’ trip declaration menu adds a new ‘Power Down – Restricted Use’ declaration 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 software 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 Thrane 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 THRANE VMS OWNERS

The following pages will show you the new and revised Thrane VMS screens and provide you with easy to follow instructions for completing them. Once the new Thrane software is loaded, your main screen should look as shown below. As before, the block is highlighted yellow with your selection.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System **Thrane & Thrane**

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies	Monkfish - NFMA	Scallop
Mults+Monk Opt.	Monkfish - SFMA	Other

There is NO Current Declaration.
To change Declaration, either use the mouse or the TAB and SPACE keys.

Select 'Scallop' to display the following Scallop Declaration screen.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System **Thrane & Thrane**

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies	Monkfish - NFMA	Scallop
Mults+Monk Opt.	Monkfish - SFMA	Other

Activity

General Category Permit	Limited Access - Open
Research Set Aside Trip	Limited Access - Special Access
State Waters Exempt. Program	

There is NO Current Declaration.
To change Declaration, either use the mouse or the TAB and SPACE keys.

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. The 'State Waters Exempt. Program' selection shown above is for limited access vessel use only, including vessels holding both a limited access and limited access general category LAGC permit (new VMS code is SES-SWE-OPXXXX). Refer to the paragraph below for guidance to LAGC vessels declaring the state waters exemption. 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.

The expanded **LAGC Scallop** declaration screen is shown below with the various 'Fishing Area' selections displayed. There are two new selections - 'State Waters Exemption Program' and 'Hudson Canyon SAA (scallop access area)'. The screen shows the 'State Waters Exemption Program' selected.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0]
Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies	Monkfish - NFMA	Scallop
Mults+Monk Opt.	Monkfish - SFMA	Other

Activity

General Category Permit	Limited Access - Open
Research Set Aside Trip	Limited Access - Special Access
State Waters Exempt. Program	

Fishing Area

Closed Area 1 SAA	Closed Area 2 SAA
Elephant Trunk SAA	Nantucket Lightship SAA
Open, Fed. Exemption Area	Northern Gulf of Maine
Delmarva SAA	Hudson Canyon SAA
State Waters Exemption	

Options

N/A

Gear Type

N/A

Continue to Next Screen...

Thrane & Thrane

Current Declaration is: 'SES-SCG-SWXXXX'.

To change Declaration, either use the mouse or the TAB and SPACE keys.

Note: The LAGC scallop power down declaration has been removed. See page 7 below.

Select 'Continue to Next Screen' to review, confirm and send the LAGC State Waters Exemption Program declaration (new VMS Code SES-SCG-SWXXXX).

Please Review & Confirm your Declaration:

Type:	Scallop
Activity:	General Category Permit
Day/Trip Type:	None
Fishing Area:	State Waters Exemption
Options:	N/A
Gear Type:	N/A

Send "SES-SCG-SWXXXX" Declaration

Cancel

Once your declaration is sent, you will see the following screen. Select 'Yes' and send the declaration to NMFS. At this point, you will see the Forms Submission Status window followed by a confirmation of delivery.

Do you want to send the DECLARE_NMFS form to noaforms@absolutesw.com?

Yes

No

Redirect to alternative e-mail address:

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The expanded **Limited Access – Special Access** declaration screen is shown below. There is one new selection - ‘Hudson Canyon SAA’ (VMS Codes SES-SAA-HCSXNX and SES-SAA-HCSXYX). The screen shows the ‘DELMARVA SAA’ selected. Please remember that your VMS software does not limit your ability to declare into any access area, however, you cannot declare into a scallop access area unless that area is currently open to fishing.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System Thrane & Thrane

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies Monkfish - NFMA **Scallop**

Mults+Monk Opt. Monkfish - SFMA Other

Activity

General Category Permit Limited Access - Open

Research Set Aside Trip **Limited Access - Special Access**

State Waters Exempt. Program

Fishing Area

Closed Area 1 SAA Closed Area 2 SAA

Elephant Trunk SAA Nantucket Lightship SAA

Delmarva SAA Hudson Canyon SAA

Day/Trip Type

Scallop

Options

Normal Trip **N/A**

Compensation Trip

Gear Type

N/A

Continue to Next Screen...

Remember: For Special Access trips, you must also select whether or not this will be a compensation trip.

The expanded **Research Set Aside Trip** declaration screen is shown below. There are now only two Fishing Area selections – ‘Open’ (VMS Code SES-RSA-OPXXXX) and ‘Scallop Access Areas’ (SES-RSA-AAXXXX)(shown). If you intend to fish an authorized RSA trip, select ‘Scallop Access Areas’ if you will fish in one or more access areas open to fishing.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System Thrane & Thrane

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies Monkfish - NFMA **Scallop**

Mults+Monk Opt. Monkfish - SFMA Other

Activity

General Category Permit Limited Access - Open

Research Set Aside Trip Limited Access - Special Access

State Waters Exempt. Program

Fishing Area

Open

Scallop Access Areas

Day/Trip Type

None

Options

N/A

Gear Type

N/A

Continue to Next Screen...

Current Declaration is: 'SES-RSA-AAXXXX'.
To change Declaration, either use the mouse or the TAB and SPACE keys.

Power Down Declaration Screen. The LAGC Scallop power down declaration was removed from the Scallop Declaration screen. A new Power Down declaration (VMS Code: PWD-PWD-XXXXXX) was added to the ‘Other’ declaration menu as shown below. This new declaration may be used by LAGC scallop vessels and NMFS-authorized groundfish sector vessels at the dock or mooring IF the vessel does not have more restrictive VMS permits. Vessels on a NMFS-authorized LOE do not need to send the Power Down declaration.

Remember – Do not sail on a Power Down declaration.

Read the ‘Important’ note below before sending a Power Down declaration.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Multispecies Monkfish - NFMA Scallop
 Mults+Monk Opt. Monkfish - SFMA **Other**

Activity

Herring Ocean Quahog ITQ Trip **None**
 Surfclam ITQ Trip Maine Mahogany Quahog Trip
 Declare out of Fishery **Power Down - Restricted Use**

Fishing Area **Options** **Gear Type**

Dock Only **N/A** **N/A**

IMPORTANT: The declaration below is restricted for use at the dock/mooring by only authorized (1) LAGC scallop vessels and (2) groundfish sector vessels; use of this powerdown declaration while underway is a violation. All other vessels are not authorized to use this declaration.

Note: No changes were made to the Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Herring or DOF declarations.

Continue to Next Screen...

We will now look at the new and revised VMS reports. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’ and your screen should look like this:

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0] **Reports [9.0]**

Type

Multispecies : Catch Trip Start Hail Trip End Hail Restricted Gear Area
 Cod: GOM Exemption GOM Gillnet Exemption Monkfish DAS Adjust Scallop : Catch
 Scallop : Pre-Landing Scallop : Broken Trip Scallop : Comp. Trip Herring : Catch
 Herring : Pre-Landing

Multispecies Catch Report. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'Multispecies : Catch'. 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 special access program (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.

The headers shown are the 4 BSAs:
 - Gulf of Maine
 - Inshore Georges Bank
 - Offshore Georges Bank
 - Southern New England/ Mid-Atlantic

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

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type: Multispecies : Catch

Submit report for all Groundfish Trips [Click for full instructions...](#)

Date Fish Caught: Month / Day Vessel Trip Report Serial #: Stat. Area

Species Kept	GOM				IN GB				OFF GB				SNE/MA			
Cod																
Pollock																
Winter Flndr																
Haddock																
Plaice																
All Fish Kept																

Note: For 'All Fish Kept', include total of all groundfish & non-groundfish.

Send Report

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

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

The four 'All Fish Kept' fields should reflect the total (in lbs) of all fish species kept.

Species Kept Fields:
 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.

On the previous page, select ‘[Click for full instructions](#)’ to view the below screen. Please note the change to the US/CA, B-DAS and/or SAP Trips instruction concerning the requirement to send a negative daily report.

Instructions for using the Multispecies Catch Report

This report is to be used for all groundfish 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 ('Date Fish Caught' and 'Statistical Area' fields are not required).
- 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 9am 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 those spaces below 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.

Trip Start Hail. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’, then ‘Trip Start Hail’. All fields are required with the exception of the ‘Estimated Offload’ field which is conditional based on the trip length (see below). The new ‘Observer/ASM’ field may be used to determine whether dockside monitoring is required in 2011 and 2012.

Enter your 6-digit permit number, and then up to 14-digit VTR (logbook) number.

Enter the name of the port city where the product will be landed (up to 16 alpha characters).

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0]
Reports [9.0]

Type

Trip Start Hail

Trip Start Hail

This report may be used by any groundfish vessel to satisfy the hail requirements for all groundfish trips.

Vessel Permit Number:

Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial #:

Observer or ASM On-Board (Y/N)?:

Estimated Arrival: / / :

Landing Port City:

Landing State (abbreviated):

Provide Estimated Offload only for trips <6 hrs or if fishing within 6 hrs of offload port;

Estimated Offload: / / :

Estimated Offload: This field is conditional depending on the trip length (see the instructions for guidance).

New field: If you are taking a NMFS observer or an at-sea monitor, enter ‘Yes’. Otherwise, enter ‘No’.

Trip End Hail. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’, then ‘Trip End Hail’. All fields are required, with the exception of the ‘Second Offload State’ and ‘Second Offload Port City’ fields if you are only conducting one offload on your trip.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System Thrane & Thrane

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type
Trip End Hail

Trip End Hail
This report may be used by any groundfish vessel to facilitate monitoring of offloads. This report must be sent 6 hours before arrival. If fishing ends less than 6 hours before landing, the report must be sent immediately upon leaving the fishing grounds.

Vessel Trip Report Serial # : Vessel Permit #:

Landing Port City: Landing State: Dealer/Offload Location:

2nd Offload Port City: 2nd Offload State:

Total Groundfish Kept: lbs. Total Non-Groundfish Kept: lbs.

Estimated Arrival: Month / Day / H : M

Estimated Offload: Month / Day / H : M

Enter either the dealer name or the offload location if different than the dealer location (up to 16 alpha-numeric characters).

Enter the 2nd Offload Port City (up to 16 alpha-numeric characters) & 2nd Offload State only if you will conduct two separate offload events. Otherwise, leave blank.

Select time using the local 24-hour clock.

Gulf of Maine Cod Trip Limit Exemption. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’, then ‘Cod: GOM Exemption’. The only change is to check the box and send the form. This form is only required for common pool groundfish trips with possession limits fished outside the U.S./Canada Management Area. See the next page for a view of the multispecies regulated mesh areas (RMA).

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System Thrane & Thrane

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type
Cod: GOM Exemption

Gulf of Maine Cod Trip Limit Exemption

Note: Vessels declaring into the U.S./Canada Management Area exclusively are not required to submit this form.

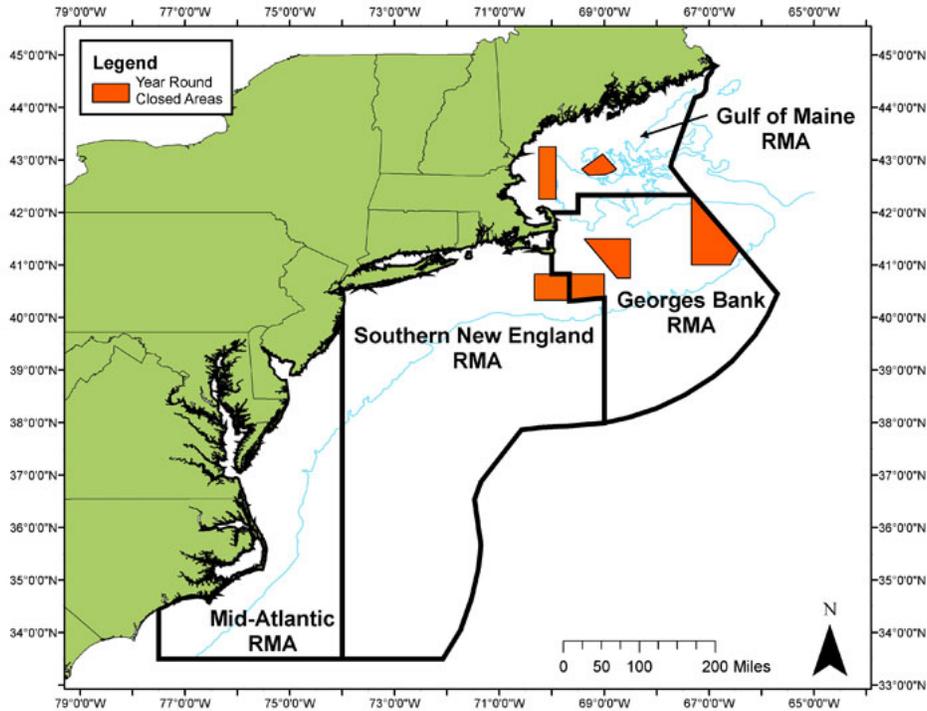
Check this box prior to leaving port to report that you intend to fish south of the Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area (GOM RMA) and would like to be exempt from the GOM Cod Trip Limit and subject to the Georges Bank (GB) Trip Limit instead.

If you submit this report you will be subject to the GB Cod Trip Limit and cannot fish in the GOM RMA for the duration of your trip.

Transiting is allowed provided all gear is properly stowed while within the GOM RMA.

Check this box and click ‘Send Report’.

NE Multispecies Regulated Mesh Areas



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

AREA DEFINITIONS

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

50 CFR CITATIONS

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

Gulf of Maine Gillnet Mesh Exemption. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'GOM Gillnet 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 above chart for a view of the GOM RMA.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0] **Reports [9.0]**

Type

GOM Gillnet Exemption

Gulf of Maine Gillnet Mesh Exemption

Check this box and submit this form prior to leaving port if you are a sector vessel and intend to fish under this exemption using 6 inch mesh gillnets in the Gulf of Maine Regulated Mesh Area.

Send Report

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Check this box and click 'Send Report'.

Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'Monkfish DAS Adjust'. This form may be used by vessels fishing on a Monkfish day-at-sea (DAS) trip. All fields must be completed. 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 VMS trip dates. The DAS charge for the trip is automatically adjusted.

Check this box, complete the fields below, then 'Send Report'.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System **Thrane & Thrane**

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Monkfish DAS Adjust

Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment

Instructions: 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 demarcation line on the return to port. Complete all fields below.

Check this box 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.

Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number:

Estimated Port Arrival Date: (MMDDYYYY): / /

Enter up to 14 numeric characters.

You may only exceed the daily trip limit by up to one extra limit.

Scallop Catch Report. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'Scallop : Catch'. 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.

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

Instructions for using the Scallop Catch Report

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 9AM 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.

Close Window

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System **Thrane & Thrane**

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Scallop : Catch

Scallop Catch Report [Click for full instructions...](#)

Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number: ★ Date fish caught: Month / Day

Species	GB YT	SNE/MA YT	Species	GB YT	SNE/MA YT
Scallop Meats Kept (lbs)	<input type="text"/> ★	<input type="text"/>	Yellowtail Discarded (lbs)	<input type="text"/> ★	<input type="text"/>
Yellowtail Kept (lbs)	<input type="text"/> ★	<input type="text"/>	All Other* Fish Kept (lbs)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

*Exclude Scallop and Yellowtail when entering all other fish kept

Send Report

Until Amendment 15 is approved, you are only required to complete the ★ fields shown below. Provide the total for each day in the access area (up to 6 numeric characters in each field).

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.

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

LAGC Scallop Pre-Landing Notification. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’, then ‘Scallop : Pre-Landing’. Read the full instructions shown below to determine whether you must send this form before returning to port, even if no scallops were kept.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

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Trip Declaration [9.0]
Reports [9.0]

Type

Scallop : Pre-Landing

General Category Scallop Pre-Landing Notification

All LAGC IFQ and NGOM-permitted vessels must send a completed form on
(1) all declared LAGC scallop trips; (2) all other trips when scallops are kept.

[Click for full instructions...](#)

Vessel Captain/Operator's Name:

VTR Serial Number:

Correction of a Prior Report? No

Scallops Retained/Landed? No

Enter up to 20 alpha characters.

Enter up to 14 numeric characters.

Instructions for using the Scallop Pre-Landing Report

All LAGC IFQ and NGOM-permitted vessels must send a completed form on

- (1) all declared LAGC scallop trips;
- (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 less than 6 hours before landing, then the report is to be sent 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 a declared LAGC scallop trip.

To send the report, complete the four fields shown in the form above. If you select ‘Yes’ in the ‘Correction of a Prior Report?’ field, the following additional field will pop up (enter the sent date of the report that you need to correct):

Date of Prior Report: / /

If you select ‘No’ in the ‘Scallops Retained/Landed?’ field, submit the form at this point by clicking ‘Send Report’.

However, if you select 'Yes' in the 'Scallops Retained/Landed?' field, several additional fields pop up and must be completed (see below).

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

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System **Thrane & Thrane**

Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Scallop : Pre-Landing

General Category Scallop Pre-Landing Notification
All LAGC IFQ and NGOM-permitted vessels must send a completed form on (1) all declared LAGC scallop trips; (2) all other trips when scallops are kept. [Click for full instructions...](#)

Vessel Captain/Operator's Name: Correction of a Prior Report? No ▾

VTR Serial Number: Scallops Retained/Landed? Yes ▾

Estimated Scallops Onboard: Meats (lbs) Bushels in-shell

Note: Only enter lbs. and bushels if intending to land both.

Landing Port City/State: ▾

Any Scallops Caught in Northern Gulf of Maine Area? No ▾

Estimated Landing Date & Time: Month ▾ / Day ▾ / Year ▾ HH ▾ : MM ▾

24-hour local clock.

'Landing Port City': Enter up to 25 alpha characters.

This field refers to the 'Northern Gulf of Maine Scallop Management Area'.

Scallop Broken Trip Notification. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'Scallop: Broken Trip'. 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 (in the form below) that explain the two situations when the form must be sent to receive a compensation trip from NMFS.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

Trip Declaration [9.0]
Reports [9.0]

Type

Scallop : Broken Trip

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/fax a Broken Trip Adjustment Sheet to NMFS to receive a compensation trip.

Vessel Captain/Operator Name:

Time of Fishing Termination: H : M

Estimated Landing Date: Month / Day / Year

Estimated Landing Time: H : M

Estimated Scallop Meats: lbs.

Reason for Termination:

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

Enter up to 20 alpha characters.

Briefly explain the reason for breaking your trip; enter up to 35 characters.

Enter up to 5 numeric characters.

24-hour local clock.

Herring Catch Report. DO NOT SUBMIT UNTIL NOTIFIED FURTHER. Select 'Reports [9.0]', then 'Herring : Catch'. 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.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

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Trip Declaration [9.0]
Reports [9.0]

Type

Herring : Catch

This report is required by all limited access herring vessels on all declared herring trips.

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Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number:

Date fish caught: Month / Day

SPECIES	AREA 1A	AREA 1B	AREA 2	AREA 3
Herring Kept (lbs)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			
Herring Discarded (lbs)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>			

Send Report

Instructions for using the Herring Catch Report

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 9AM 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.

Close Window

Herring Pre-landing Notification. Select ‘Reports [9.0]’, then ‘Herring : Pre-Landing’. 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. It must be sent while at sea – refer to the instructions below. The form is self-explanatory.

Trip Declaration and Catch Reporting System

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Trip Declaration [9.0] Reports [9.0]

Type

Herring : Pre-Landing

Use this Report to submit a Landing Date/Time and Port for Herring

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.

Estimated Landing Date: Month / Day

Estimated Landing Time: H : M

Landing Port City: [Text Field]

Landing Port State: [Dropdown]

Send Report

Note: After completing all fields, send the form while at sea based on the time requirement in the instructions.

24-hour local clock.

Enter up to 16 alpha characters.

This completes our review of the new and revised VMS screens on your Thrane 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**.