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## Reporting Requirements for Menhaden Carrier Vessels

The Atlantic menhaden fishery is managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and there are no Federal regulations or permits issued by NOAA Fisheries for this fishery. However, menhaden vessels may be subject to Federal reporting requirements.

If a menhaden vessel (fishing or carrier) has a Federal fishery permit for another fishery, the vessel owner must submit a Federal Vessel Trip Report (VTR) for each fishing trip, even if that trip is a menhaden fishing trip. The VTR must include the estimated quantities of all fish caught, gear used, fishing location, and all other information requested on the VTR form.

The reporting requirements also apply to menhaden carrier vessels that are not fishing and are transiting with menhaden on board. To properly report a menhaden carrier trip, vessel owners must submit a VTR with the following codes:

- Catch = 0
- Gear code = CAR
- Hauls = 0
- Species code = MEN

Menhaden vessels that have only a Federal lobster permit and no other Federal fisheries permit do not have to submit a VTR for a menhaden trip. Regardless, vessel owners should check with their appropriate state fisheries agency to ensure that they comply with any state reporting requirements.

Instructions on how to properly complete a VTR are available on the GARFO's website at:

[www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/evtr/vtr\\_inst.pdf](http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/evtr/vtr_inst.pdf)

For more information, contact GARFO's Vessel Trip Reporting Section at 978-281-9246.