



Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Reporting Requirements

This summary provides a broad overview of EFP reporting requirements. Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 for more information.

When operating under an EFP, you are subject to reporting requirements in addition to those already required by the fishery in which you are participating. Vessels operating under an EFP are considered to be on a commercial fishing trip. Therefore, all standard commercial fishing reporting requirements apply.

Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

Unless your EFP exempts or imposes additional VMS reporting requirements, all VMS requirements for your fishery are required, including all VMS reports and forms specific to your normal fishing activity. In addition, you must also complete and submit the 'RSA and EFP Trip Start Hail' prior to leaving port and the 'RSA and EFP Trip End Hail' at the end of each trip. If fishing ends less than 6 hours before returning to port, send the report immediately upon leaving the fishing grounds. When completing the trip end hail, you will be required to report pounds of species kept and discarded and your anticipated time of landing.

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System

If you do not have a VMS requirement as discussed above, you must call into the IVR system at the start and end of your trip. You must call the IVR system within 24 hours prior to departing port to start your trip, and call within 24 hours after docking to end your trip. This is to ensure we are aware that your vessel is operating under an EFP, and that you are exempt from certain regulations as identified in the EFP. Please note that when you call to end your trip, you will also be required to report landings in accordance with the IVR reporting instructions. Refer to the IVR reporting instructions for additional information.

Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP)

All standard NEFOP observer and trip notification requirements apply when operating under an EFP. Prior to making your pre-trip notification you should notify NEFOP that you will be operating under an EFP. More information on the NEFOP and pre-trip reporting requirements is available at: www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/notification.html.

Vessel Trip Report (VTR)

VTRs are required on all trips taken under an EFP, and all VTR submission requirements apply. Please visit www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/vtr_inst.pdf for more information on VTRs.

When filling out your VTR, you must complete the "RSA/EFP: # of Crew" section in box number 6. There are also two specific codes that must be used when you retain fish that are transferred directly to a researcher or research facility and are not sold to a fish dealer. Use the following codes in place of the "dealer permit number" in box 20 on the VTR for any fish transferred to a researcher and not sold to a dealer:

- For fish below the legal minimum size - 6
- For fish above the legal minimum size – 7

Research Report

The principal investigator of this project must submit a copy of the final report to us within 6 months of the expiration of the EFP.

Contacts

General EFP questions – (978) 281-9315

IVR and VMS reporting requirements and questions – (978) 281-9315

IVR system technical difficulties – (978) 281-9209

VMS technical difficulties – (978) 281-9213

VTR questions – (978) 281-924

EFP Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Reporting Worksheet

This worksheet outlines the information needed to start and end a trip in IVR and to submit trip level EFP catch reports. It may be copied and used as a personal record and does not need to be submitted.

Call the IVR phone number: (888) 284-4904
Select option 4 for “Exempt Fishing reporting”

Vessel Permit Number					

Exempted Fishing Code				

Species name	Species Code	State Code	Pounds Landed/Discarded

Species Codes							
Summer flounder/fluke	01	Atlantic mackerel	02	Scup	03	Illex squid	04
Longfin squid	05	Butterfish	06	Black sea bass	07	Spiny dogfish	08
Bluefish	09	Cod	10	Cod, gulf of maine	11	Cod, georges bank	12
Haddock	13	Red hake	14	Whiting	15	Ocean pout	16
Sea scallop	17	Monkfish	18	Monkfish tails	19	Monkfish livers	20
Pollock	21	Windowpane/sand dab	22	Atlantic sturgeon	23	Short-nose sturgeon	24
Golden tilefish	25	Hagfish	26	Redfish / ocean perch	27	Atlantic herring	28
American plaice	29	Witch flounder	30	Surf clam	31	Ocean quahog	32
Horseshoe crab	33	Jonah crab	34	Red crab	35	Lobster	36
Yellowtail flounder	37	Southern flounder	38	Fourspot flounder	39	Loggerhead sea turtle	40
Leatherback sea turtle	41	Kemps ridley	42	Green sea turtle	43	Hawksbill turtle	44
Unidentified sea turtle	45	Little skate	46	Little skate wings	47	Winter skate	48
Winter skate wings	49	Little or winter skate	50	Little or winter skate wings	51	Rosette skate	52
Rosette skate wings	53	Barndoor skate	54	Winter flounder/blackback	55	Smooth skate	56
Smooth skate wings	57	Thorny skate	58	Thorny skate wings	59	Clearnose skate	60
Clearnose skate wings	61	Unclassified skate	62	Unclassified skate wings	63	Small skates (discards)	64
Wolfish / ocean catfish	65	Striped bass	66	White hake	67	Atlantic halibut	68
Female red crab	69	Greenland halibut	70	Barndoor skate wings	71	Cusk	72

State Codes							
Maine	22	Connecticut	07	Delaware	08	South Carolina	43
New Hampshire	32	New York	35	Maryland	23	Georgia	13
Massachusetts	24	New Jersey	33	Virginia	49	Florida	10
Rhode Island	42	Pennsylvania	41	North Carolina	36	Louisiana	21

Port Codes							
Barnegat Light	406	Belford	418	Block Island	549	Center Moriches	468
Chatham	472	Chincoteague	483	Fairhaven	541	Fall River	543
Gloucester	244	Hampton	257	Hampton (Compact)	258	Hampton Bays	259
Islip	287	Little Compton	310	Montauk	351	New Bedford	366
New Harbor	371	New Shoreham	377	New London	375	Newport	385
Ocean City Harbor	109	Plymouth	144	Point Judith	146	Point Pleasant	148
Portland	157	Portsmouth	160	Rye	194	Stonington	11
Tiverton	31	Wanchese	46	Waretown	48	Wesport	66

More port codes are available at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/vms/regs/ivrcodes.pdf>

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Skymate:

- 1) From the main screen select "Forms NE"
- 2) Then select "More"
- 3) Then select "RSA/EFP"
- 4) Then Select either "RSA/EFP TS" or "RSA/EFP TE"

Boatrac:

RSA and EFP Trip Start Hail – Macro 49

RSA and EFP Trip End Hail – Macro 50

RSA and EFP Trip Start Hail

Operator's Permit Number*						

*Number from operator ID, not vessel permit #

Assigned Project Code				

Landing Port city

Landing State

Estimated Arrival				
MM	DD	YY	HR	MI

RSA and EFP Trip End Hail

Operator's Permit Number*							

Assigned Project Code				

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VTR Serial #											

Estimated Arrival				
MM	DD	YY	HR	MI

Estimated Offload				
MM	DD	YY	HR	MI

Landing Port city

Landing State

RSA/EFP Product Kept/Discarded		
IVR Species Code	Kept (lbs)	Discarded (lbs)

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