



Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Reporting Requirements

This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; the regulations summarized here may be found at 50 CFR 648. Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 for more information.

When participating in the Monkfish RSA Program, you are subject to reporting requirements in addition to those already required by the monkfish fishery.

Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Requirements

If you have VMS reporting requirements, you must declare your monkfish RSA trips through your VMS unit. This declaration should be made in the same fashion as a standard commercial monkfish trip, except you should select 'monkfish RSA days-at-sea (DAS)' under the DAS option in the declaration. In addition to the declaration, 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 least 6 hours before returning to port. 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 monkfish and skate landings for that trip.

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Requirements

If you do not have a VMS requirement, the VMS reporting requirements outlined above do not apply to you. Instead, when fishing under a monkfish RSA DAS, you must call into the IVR system at the start and end of each trip. When you call to start your trip you will be required to submit declaration information. When calling to end your trip, you will also be required to report monkfish and skate landings for that 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. The call times will be used to calculate your monkfish RSA DAS charge. Refer to the more detailed IVR reporting instructions for additional information.

DAS Requirements for Northeast (NE) Multispecies and Scallop Permit Holders

If you also hold a NE multispecies or limited access scallop permit, you must use either a NE multispecies DAS or scallop DAS when using a monkfish RSA DAS. To declare a NE multispecies or scallop DAS in conjunction with monkfish RSA DAS, select each appropriate DAS type in your VMS unit when making your declaration for that trip (monkfish RSA DAS and either scallop or NE multispecies DAS).

If you don't have a balance of NE multispecies or scallop DAS, you may use your monkfish RSA DAS as monkfish-only DAS. These monkfish-only DAS are treated separately and can only be used after your allocation of NE multispecies or scallop DAS has been used. Monkfish-only DAS can only be used in an exempted fishery. Please see the Large Mesh Fishery Exemptions Information Sheet for more information. A copy of this information sheet is available by calling us or online at www.nero.noaa.gov/regs/infodocs/large_mesh_exemption.pdf.

Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP)

All standard NEFOP observer and trip notification requirements apply when operating under monkfish RSA DAS. When making your pre-trip notification you should notify NEFOP that you will be operating

under a monkfish RSA DAS. More information on the NEFOP and pre-trip reporting requirements is available at: www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/notification.html.

Vessel Trip Report (VTR)

All VTR submission requirements apply to vessels participating in the Monkfish RSA Program. Please visit www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/vtr_inst.pdf for more information on VTRs. When filling out your VTR, you must fill out the “RSA/EFP: # of Crew” section in box number 6 of your VTR.

Research Report

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

Contacts

Monkfish RSA Program questions – (978) 281-9315

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

IVR technical difficulties – (978) 281-9209

VMS questions and technical difficulties – (978) 281-9213

VTR questions – (978) 281-9246

NE multispecies pre-trip notification website - fish.nefsc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/PTNS/login.pl

NE multispecies observer pre-trip notification backup line - 1-855-FISHES1

Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Reporting Worksheet

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

Call the IVR phone number: 1-888-284-4904
Select option 3 for “Research Set-Aside reporting”

Permit Number					

Research Code				

Species name	Species Code	State Code	Kept (lbs)
Monkfish	18		
Monkfish tails	19		
Monkfish livers	20		
Skate	62		
Skate wings	63		

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>

Monkfish RSA Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Reporting Worksheet

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

Skymate:

-When declaring your trip select the “Monkfish RSA DAS” option in step 2 of the declaration screen.

-In addition to the declaration, 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’ before returning to port. Follow the steps below to access the hail forms on your VMS unit.

- 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”

Boatracs:

-When declaring your trip select the “Monkfish RSA DAS” option in Macro 22.

-In addition to the declaration, 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’ before returning to port. The hail forms are located at the macros below on your VMS unit.

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*							

Assigned Project Code				

*Number from operator ID, not vessel permit #

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				

*Number from operator ID, not vessel permit #

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		
Species	Species Code	Kept (lbs)
Monkfish	18	
Monkfish tails	19	
Monkfish livers	20	
Skate	62	
Skate wings	63	