



Scallop 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 harvesting scallop RSA quota, you are subject to reporting requirements in addition to those already required by the scallop fishery. Beginning March 2014, scallop RSA vessels will be able to report their RSA trip information through their VMS unit.

Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

Your scallop permit requires you to have a VMS unit on board, which therefore requires you to declare your scallop RSA trips on your VMS unit. When declaring a scallop RSA trip on your VMS, first select the appropriate general category or limited access area declaration, then also declare your intent to harvest scallop RSA quota. In addition to declaring an RSA trip, 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 pounds of species kept and discarded and your anticipated time port and time of landing.

Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP)

There are no observer requirements for scallop RSA trips, including trip notification requirements. Therefore, you do not need to contact NEFOP prior to making a dedicated scallop RSA compensation fishing trip.

Vessel Trip Report (VTR)

All VTR submission requirements apply to vessels participating in the Scallop 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

Scallop RSA Program questions – (978) 281-9315
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Scallop 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 “Yes” on the question “Will scallop RSA quota be harvested on this trip?”

-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 “Yes” on the question “Will scallop RSA quota be harvested on this trip?” on Macro 23.

-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)
Scallop	17	