

SOUTH ATLANTIC SHRIMP VESSEL LOGBOOK INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this logbook is to collect detailed information on the amount and location of individual tows for an entire fishing trip. Fishing effort is very important to analyze various aspects of the shrimp fleet and the data from this reporting form will be used to estimate the effort for the fishing fleet in the South Atlantic region. The success of this program depends largely on the reliable information that you provide when each form is completed.

This form is to be completed for each day and submitted collectively for each trip. When completing each form, write the official vessel number, either the US Coast Guard documentation or state registration number, and the vessel name on each form. Enter the date you departed and the date you returned for this trip. Enter the port and state where you unloaded the catch. Write the types of bycatch reduction devices and/or turtle excluder devices that you used on this trip. Enter the total pounds of shrimp landed for the trip.

The information for each tow should be entered on a separate line. The date of the tow should be entered in the first column. The length of the foot rope (leadline) should be entered for each tow. The time and location in latitude and longitude for the start of each tow should be entered. Be sure to specify whether its a.m. or p.m. Enter the time and location in latitude and longitude for the haul back, again be sure to enter whether its a.m. or p.m. In the last column of each row, enter the estimated amount of catch in pounds heads-on for each tow.

Please send all completed forms for each trip to the National Marine Fisheries Service, P. O. Box 491740, Key Biscayne, Florida 33149-9915. Return envelopes are enclosed.

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