

=====

SEND THIS ORIGINAL, COMPLETED FORM TO:

NOAA FISHERIES
NE OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
55 GREAT REPUBLIC DRIVE
GLOUCESTER, MA 01930
ATTN: VMS PROGRAM

or fax to 1-978-281-9317

OMB# 0648-0202 Expires 11/30/2009
OMB# 0648-0558 Expires 06/30/2010

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2276; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

The information will be used in the management of the Atlantic sea scallop, Northeast multispecies, monkfish, herring and surfclam/ocean quahog fisheries by insuring compliance with VMS regulations listed under 50 CFR §648.9 and §648.10 (b). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Any information submitted by any person to obtain a permit is not confidential, and may be disclosed upon request.