

U.S. Department of Commerce
 NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service
 Northeast Region Permit Office
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Application for Federal Smoothhound Permit

Please see attachment for application instructions

Section 1 - Owner and Vessel Information

Owner Name: Street Address: City: State: Zip Code:	Name of Vessel: Northeast Federal Vessel Permit Number (if one has been issued): USCG Documentation Number or State Registration Number:
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Section 2 - Fishery / Gear Information

Gear Codes:	310-Bottom Trawl	320-Midwater Trawl	330-Other / General Trawl	700-Gill/Entangling nets
	911-Handlines	912-Rod & Reel	913-Tub Trawl	915-Bandit Gear
				920-Longlines or Setlines

Fishery:	Smoothhound
Gear Codes: please write in the gear codes from the list above that you intend to fish with.	

Section 3 – Applicant’s Name and Signature

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named in Section 1 above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 USC 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct. By signing this application, I am applying for a Federal smoothhound permit for the vessel named above in Section 1 of this application.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

To avoid a delay in processing, please verify and complete all sections above and include all information requested on the back of this form.

Any information submitted on this NOAA approved permit application form, which is not otherwise protected under federal law, may be disclosed upon request.

Instructions - Northeast Federal Fisheries

Initial Application for a Smoothhound Permit

This is your Initial Vessel Permit Application for a **Federal** Smoothhound permit that is required by the National Marine Fisheries Service

If you wish to apply for this permit, and **you have already renewed** your vessel's Northeast Region permit(s) for the 2012 permit year:

1. Complete all sections and return this application to the address on the front of this form.

If you wish to apply for this permit, and **your vessel has not been issued a permit for the 2012 permit year or your vessel has never been issued permits from the Northeast Region:**

1. Complete this application and return it along with a copy of the vessel's unexpired Coast Guard Documentation or State Registration.
2. If your vessel is owned by a corporation, partnership, or LLC, submit a list, signed and dated, of the names and addresses of all owners, corporate officers, and shareholders of the corporation.
3. If your vessel is owned by a partnership, you must submit a Partnership Agreement and a list of the names and addresses of all partners.

SECTION 1: VESSEL/OWNER INFORMATION: Enter current and correct information all for items

SECTION 2: FISHERY / GEAR INFORMATION

Gear Codes: You must select at least one gear code or multiple gear codes from those listed on the front of this form. Further restrictions apply for longline and gillnet gear. Please refer to 50 CFT § 635.21 for more details or visit the HMS webpage at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>. Vessels are allowed to possess and land a limited amount of incidental smoothhounds harvested with trawl gear. For specific limit amounts, contact the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division at 301-713-2347 or visit the HMS webpage at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/>.

SECTION 3: OWNER'S SIGNATURE AND INSTRUCTIONS

Please sign the form. Unsigned or incomplete applications will be returned. Your signature is an affirmation under penalty of perjury, that all the information provided in obtaining this permit is true [18 USC 1001].

Your signature on this application is also an affirmation that you are requesting that a smoothhound permit be issued to the vessel named on the application.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Highly Migratory Species Management Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SF1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

All landings and catch data, and any other information protected under federal law, will be kept confidential. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected 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 No. 0648-0327.