

NMFS NORTHEAST VESSEL MONITORING PROGRAM

FISHING VESSEL NAME: _____

NMFS FISHERIES PERMIT NUMBER: _____

COAST GUARD DOCUMENTATION/STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____

MONITORING FOR (**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY**):

SCALLOP MULTISPECIES MONKFISH HERRING SURFCLAM/OCEAN QUAHOGS

As required by 50 CFR 648.10(e)(1)(ii) and (iii), the vessel owner must confirm the VMS unit operation and communications service to NMFS by calling the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) at (978) 281-9213. This is necessary to ensure that position reports (and an activity declaration) are automatically sent to and received by NMFS OLE. Your vessel is not regarded as meeting the VMS requirements until connectivity with NMFS OLE is verified.

***** PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM BY PROVIDING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION *****

I CERTIFY THAT SUBJECT FISHING VESSEL HAS AN OPERATIONAL VMS UNIT INSTALLED BY:

PURCHASED FROM: BOATRACS ____ SKYMATE ____ THRANE & THRANE ____

INSTALLING DEALER: NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

DATE OF INSTALLATION: _____

SERIAL NUMBER OF VMS UNIT: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS OF VESSEL: _____

VMS UNIT ACTIVATED ON VESSEL AND READY TO SEND FISHING ACTIVITY CODES? YES NO

VMS UNIT OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO VESSEL OWNER BY VMS VENDOR? YES NO

VESSEL OWNER TRAINED ON USE OF VMS UNIT BY VMS VENDOR? YES NO

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE VMS UNIT MUST REMAIN CONNECTED TO THE VMS VENDOR LISTED ABOVE AT ALL TIMES. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF 50 CFR §648.9 AND §648.10 REGARDING USE OF THE VMS. I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE VMS VENDOR LISTED ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THE VMS UNIT.

PERMIT HOLDER'S NAME (printed): _____

PERMIT HOLDER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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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

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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.