

Vessel Monitoring Systems Certification Statement for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

INSTRUCTIONS: This form should be completed and signed by the owner and the qualified marine electrician that installed the VMS unit on the vessel named below. The completed form should be sent to NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, 263 13th Avenue South, Suite 109, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. This Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Certification Statement for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries is provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) pursuant to the regulatory requirements of 50 C.F.R. § 635.69. This certification statement is applicable for the VMS providers currently approved for use in HMS fisheries.

A qualified marine electrician must follow the manufacturer's installation procedures when installing or re-installing a NOAA Fisheries-approved VMS unit. The vessel owner is responsible for all installation and activation costs. After completion of the installation and activation, the owner should confirm that NOAA Fisheries is receiving position reports by calling NOAA Office of Law Enforcement in St. Petersburg, Florida, at, 800-758-4833 or by sending an e-mail to NMFS.OLE.SE@noaa.gov.

Vessel Name: _____ U.S Coast Guard Documentation Number: _____

Installing marine electrician or dealer (name, address, and telephone number):

Date of Installation (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

VMS Enhanced Mobile Transceiver Unit (E-MTU):

Manufacturer name: _____

Model: _____

Manufacturer serial number (S/N): _____

Communication network serial number (ISN): _____

VMS Mobile Communications Service Provider (MCSP)

Communications provider name: _____

Communications ID number assigned by service provider: _____

Once the VMS E-MTU was installed, did the electrician/dealer, or the owner and/or operator of the vessel verify with NOAA OLE VMS Program personnel that position data was being received?

Yes No

Certification:

In accordance with 50 C.F.R. § 635.69(d), as a qualified marine electrician, I hereby certify that the VMS system on the vessel named above has been installed in compliance with applicable procedures.

Vessel Owner/Operator's Name: _____

Vessel Owner/Operator's Signature _____ Date: _____

Installer's Name: _____

Installer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PL 104-13) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (PL 93-579), you are advised that disclosure of the information requested in the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) certification statement is mandatory for the purpose of managing the Atlantic HMS fisheries. The certification statement is used to ensure proper operation of the VMS unit. Confidentiality of the information provided will be treated in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. It is the policy of the National Marine Fisheries Service not to release confidential data, other than in aggregate form, as the MSA protects the confidentiality of those submitting data. Whenever data are requested, NMFS ensures the information identifying the pecuniary business activity of a particular individual is not identified.

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