

NOAA/NMFS/NEFSC  
Cooperative Research Branch

Respondent:

Data Waiver

I agree to the release of all data collected in collaboration with the NEFSC Cooperative Research Branch. This includes:

- 1) All trip, effort, catch (kept and discard information), landings, and apportionment data
- 2) GPS data including position, speed, and track angle collected during project activities
- 3) Operations data collected during project activities
- 4) Vessel-related significant events
- 5) Gear specifications
- 6) Additional environmental data (optionally collected) including, but not limited to:
  - Temperature and depth data
  - Net mensuration data
  - Weather data

Data collected is submitted directly to and is maintained by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. Only subtrip level data that is collected to meet federal reporting requirements is submitted to the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office.

This data supports current research topics relating to enhanced stock monitoring through the use of electronic reporting technology and testing, tracking the use of more selective fishing gears and practices, linking oceanographic and socioeconomic factors to fishery models, and real-time data transmission.

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Vessel Owner Signature

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Date

**NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center  
Individual Statement of Non-Disclosure  
Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting**

**Access to Vessel Electronic Reporting System (VERS) Web Portal**

This is to certify:

1. In order for me, \_\_\_\_\_, to report vessel data electronically, I require access to NMFS Government computer systems and/or data files which may contain information declared to be held confidential by NMFS. My affiliation with the NMFS Northeast Regional Office or the Northeast Fisheries Science Center is:

|                                    |                |                 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Fishing Industry member's role(s): | Vessel Owner   | Vessel Operator |
|                                    | Sector Manager | Other _____     |

2. In using NMFS computers and data I agree to uphold the government's security provisions for preserving the safety and integrity of the systems accessed and protecting against misuse or destruction of the computer systems and data being accessed.

3. I have read NOAA Administrative Order 216-100 (PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL FISHERIES STATISTICS) and/or NOAA Administrative Order 212-13 (NOAA Information Technology Security Policy). [http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/ames/administrative\\_orders/chapter\\_216/216-100.html](http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/ames/administrative_orders/chapter_216/216-100.html)

4. I am fully aware of the civil and criminal penalties for unauthorized disclosure, misuse, or other violation of the confidentiality of such statistics.

5. I will not knowingly disclose any statistics identified as confidential under this agreement to any person or persons, except as authorized by the NMFS Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, or the Administrator's designee, in accordance with the law, as authorized by the NOAA office of General Counsel.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Operator Permit # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**LENGTH OF TIME ACCESS IS REQUIRED:**

Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ End Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of User (please print)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Access Certification**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of the NEC-ITSSO**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

# NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center

## Vessel Electronic Reporting System (VERS) - Vessel Configuration

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**Vessel Electronic Reporting System (VERS)** – The VERS system is a Web Based application which allows users to view and edit electronic logbook data via the internet.

This Vessel Configuration form is used for the following purposes:

1. Collect of the information required to configure related vessel and user accounts
2. Identify and provide an appropriate level of data access to the individuals involved
3. Ensure that vessel owners are aware of vessel reporting activities
4. Provide a means for the submission of electronic vessel logbook data collected through:
  - Fisheries Logbook and Data Recording Software (FLDRS)

A separate copy of this form must be submitted for each individual vessel. There are two options for completing the attached form, it may be completed as a fillable PDF and then printed for signature afterward, or printed and completed as a paper form. These instructions provide guidance and definition to the fields and options.

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### **VESSEL INFORMATION**

**Vessel Name** (required) - federally registered vessel name

**Sector** (required) - record the sector to which the vessel belongs, if vessel does not belong to a sector record 'None':

|                                     |                                       |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| None (Common Pool)                  | Northeast Fishery Sector III (NEFS3)  | Northeast Fishery Sector IX (NEFS9)    |
| Fixed Gear Sector (FGS)             | Northeast Fishery Sector IV (NEFS4)   | Northeast Fishery Sector X (NEFS10)    |
| ME Coastal Comm. Sector (MCCS)      | Northeast Fishery Sector V (NEFS5)    | Northeast Fishery Sector XI (NEFS11)   |
| NE Coastal Comm. Sector (NCCS)      | Northeast Fishery Sector VI (NEFS6)   | Northeast Fishery Sector XIII (NEFS13) |
| Northeast Fishery Sector I (NEFS1)  | Northeast Fishery Sector VII (NEFS7)  | Sustainable Harvest Sector 1 (SHS1)    |
| Northeast Fishery Sector II (NEFS2) | Northeast Fishery Sector VIII (NEFS8) | Sustainable Harvest Sector 3 (SHS3)    |

**Federal Permit** (required) - six digit federal vessel permit number

**Hull ID / USCG Doc. #** (required) - hull identification number or federal USCG Documentation number

**VTR Category** (required) - select all that apply

**Logbook System** (required) - select the electronic logbook application used to collect data

FLDRS - Fisheries Logbook and Data Recording Software

**VMS Type** (required) - record the VMS system installed on the vessel, enter 'None' if no VMS is present

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| None                         | Skymate               |
| Boatrac (McMurdo)            | Thorium (CLS America) |
| Sailor (Network Innovations) | Other                 |

**VMS Serial #** - if a VMS system is installed on the vessel, enter the device serial number

**E-mail 1** - email address to which data load notifications will be sent. This is not required but is highly recommended, load notifications include a statement regarding the success or failure of a given trip's load status, it may serve as confirmation that the data were received.

**E-mail 2** - a second email address can be listed for the same purpose as Email 1

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### **VESSEL OWNER INFORMATION**

The information recorded in this section must reflect an owner currently listed in the federal vessel permit system. Vessel owners hold exclusive authority in providing access to individuals, and/or initiate participation in the Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting program. Vessel captains will have access to all trips where they are listed as the vessel operator; owners and approved representatives will be issued access to all trips for a given vessel.

**Corporation** - name of the company or corporation which owns the vessel, if vessel is owned by an individual this field may be left blank

**Owner Name** (required) - name of a federally recognized vessel owner

**Owner E-mail** (required) - email address of the vessel owner

**Owner Signature** (required) - vessel owner's signature

**Date** (required) - date of vessel owner signing

Completed and signed form must be submitted for processing:

1. Scan and email as an attachment to [Mike.Morin@noaa.gov](mailto:Mike.Morin@noaa.gov)

For assistance in the completion or submission of this form contact:

Mike Morin: [Mike.Morin@noaa.gov](mailto:Mike.Morin@noaa.gov)

**NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center  
Vessel Electronic Reporting System (VERS) - Vessel Configuration**

Specific information is required in order to submit data electronically through the VERS system.  
Complete a separate form for each vessel.

**VESSEL INFORMATION**

**Vessel Name:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Federal Permit:**

**Hull ID / USCG Doc. #:**

**Sector:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**VTR Categories (check all that apply):**

Commercial

Party / Charter / Headboat

Surflam/Ocean Quahog Allocation System

**VTR Submission Method:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Logbook System Used:**

**If 'Other' Logbook, Specify:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**VMS Type:**

**VMS Serial #:**

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Include e-mail address to receive electronic trip submission notifications

**E-mail 1:**

**E-mail 2:**

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**VESSEL OWNER INFORMATION** - Vessel owner's signature is required for EVTR submission

**Corporation Name (if applicable):**

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**Owner Name:**

**Owner E-mail:**

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**Owner Signature:**

**Date:**

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**Public Burden Statement**

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