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These instructions are developed for the use of vessel owners and operators who are required to maintain a VMS unit and send reports in accordance with the Greater Atlantic Fisheries Regulations at 50 CFR 648.9 and 648.10. These instructions supplement the regulations and do not replace them. Owners and operators are encouraged to review the regulations.

These instructions are also available on-line through the NOAA website:

New England/Mid-Atlantic webpage - https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic

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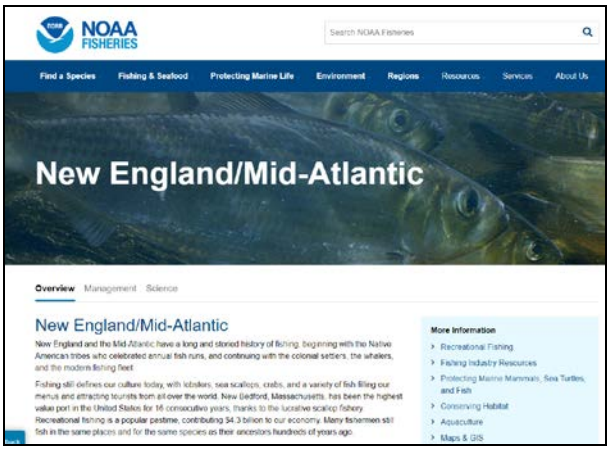

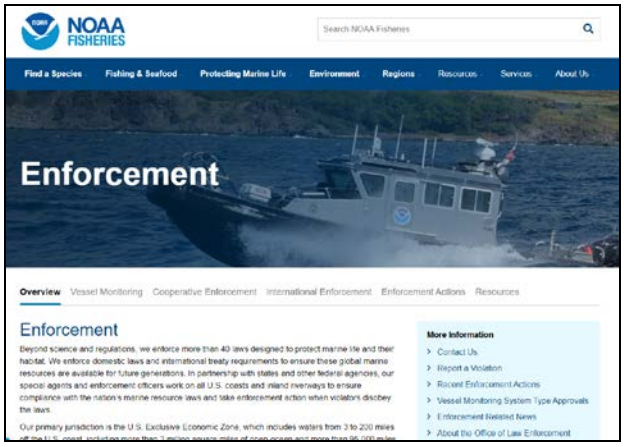

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – IN PORT

1. **Continuous Reporting**. While in port your VMS is required to continuously report your vessel's position to NMFS. Scallop-permitted vessels must report every half-hour, while all other vessels report hourly.

2. **Power Down and Letter of Exemption (LOE)**. You may turn the power off to your VMS under specific conditions. You must first consider all of your active GAR permits that require a VMS – your most restrictive reporting requirement will apply. **Table 1** below shows VMS reporting requirements by permit:

Permit (Note 1)	Category	Start of each Fishing Year:	Exception (Note 4)
Limited Access Scallop	2,3,5,6,7,8	Must report 24/7 every half-hour.	May apply for NMFS **Letter of Exemption (LOE)**.
Surfclam	1	Must report 24/7 every hour.	
Ocean Quahog	6	Must report 24/7 every hour.	
Herring	A,B,C,E, Carrier	Must report 24/7 every hour, except Carrier which must report 24/7 from 1st carrier trip declared via VMS.	
Maine Mahogany Quahog **(Note 2)**	7	Must report 24/7 every hour from 1st MMQ trip, regardless of fishing year.	
LAGC Scallop (general category)	A,B,C	Must report 24/7 every half-hour.	May declare the Power Down declaration **(Note 1)**.
Multispecies **(Note 3)**	A,D,E,F	Must report 24/7 every hour from 1st groundfish trip taken and for remainder of fishing year.	May apply for LOE.
Monkfish	F	Must report 24/7 every hour during the Offshore Fishery Program season October 1 to April 30 only.	
Longfin & Illex Squid, and Butterfish Moratorium	1A,1B,5,6	Must report 24/7 every hour.	
Mackerel	T1,T2,T3	Must report 24/7 every hour.	
When electing to provide VMS notifications under: Monkfish Occasional Scallop	 A,B,C,D 4,9	Must report 24/7 from 1st elected VMS trip taken and for remainder of fishing year. Reports every hour. Reports every half-hour.	

Table 1 – In Port VMS Reporting Requirements

- **Note 1.** Your most restrictive permit applies in determining whether you can power down your VMS in port. Example – if you hold an LAGC scallop permit and a surfclam permit, you must report 24/7 at the dock/mooring and cannot declare the power down code.

- **Note 2.** These vessels are not required to use a VMS until they fish for, land, take, possess or transfer ocean quahogs under a limited access Maine mahogany quahog permit. From that point forward, they must keep the VMS unit on at all times and make trip declarations for as long as the permit is issued to the vessel.

- **Note 3. Sector vessels** must have an operational VMS installed when (1) fishing on a sector trip declared into the groundfish fishery, or (2) when targeting monkfish or skate on a groundfish days-at-

sea (DAS); the VMS must be on and used from the first trip until the end of the fishing year. There may be annual NMFS exemptions that apply to certain sectors. **Common pool vessels** must have an operational VMS installed when (1) taking the first groundfish DAS trip, or (2) when Category C and HA-permitted vessels are fishing in more than one Broad Stock Area; they must also keep the VMS on and use VMS for all subsequent trips through the fishing year.

- **Note 4.** The regulations at 50 CFR 648.10(c)(2) allow a vessel to power off their VMS after (1) obtaining a NMFS Letter of Exemption (LOE), or (2) sending the power down declaration. The vessel's most restrictive permit will determine which situation applies. Circumstances that allow an owner to obtain an LOE include (1) the vessel is expected to be out of the water for > 72 consecutive hours, or (2) the vessel will be dockside or moored for a minimum of 30 consecutive days (the vessel may not engage in any fisheries or move from the dock/mooring until the VMS unit is turned back on). The request must be made in advance of the intended exemption period. The LOE application form is available on the VMS web page or by contacting the VMS Team (see **Page 18**). Fill it out and mail, e-mail or fax it to the VMS Team in advance of the date you intend to turn the VMS unit off. You may not turn your VMS unit off until you receive your LOE from NMFS. The LOE must reside on the vessel at all times.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - BEFORE LEAVING PORT

1. **VMS Power**. If your VMS has been powered off, turn it on and confirm that the unit is reporting normally. You may call the VMS Team to ensure that OLE is receiving your vessel's signal.

2. **VMS Hardware.** Be sure that your Orolia OmniCom is connected to power and the tablet is connected to the VMS. The tablet is required in order to be VMS-compliant at sea as it allows NMFS to communicate with your vessel via e-mail.

3. **VMS Software.** Run the current version of NMFS-required Orolia software on your tablet. Failure to operate the required software will compromise your ability to send proper declarations and forms, and may lead to enforcement action. Contact Orolia Fleet Management if your unit does not have all the required software (see **page 19**).

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4. **Activity Declaration.** For every trip, begin by double-tapping the 'Prisma Vessel' icon on your tablet's main screen. This action should bring you directly to the 'Home' screen where all 'Reports' (declarations and eforms) are listed in alphabetical order. Select the appropriate declaration (multispecies sector trip, multispecies common pool trip, monkfish trip, etc), complete the required steps (and any appropriate optional steps) and send an activity declaration for your intended trip (see two exceptions below). Your Orolia VMS software has built-in logic that helps you make and send a 'valid' declaration ('valid' means NMFS regulations allow your chosen combination of gear, DAS, area(s), broad stock area(s), etc.).

When selecting areas and broad stock areas to fish, **Charts 1-4** on **pages 7-10** may be useful.

Attachment 1 provides you with screen views and guidance for each of the Orolia declarations and forms. Please familiarize yourself with the declarations before reading on (please note the 'steps' in many of the declaration screens). **Paragraphs 5 and 6** below provide guidance on sending a declaration for 'Declare Out of Fishery' (DOF) trips and 'Monkfish Option' trips.

a. **Exception 1 - Fishing Inside of, or Inside & Outside of, the VMS Demarcation Line on a Trip.** VMS starts and ends trips as the vessel crosses the VMS demarcation line (see **page 12** for an explanation) and is not able to accurately calculate trip length in these situations. If you intend to fish completely inside the VMS demarcation line, or fish both inside and outside the demarcation line on the same trip, you must (1) declare the trip through the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Call-In system (**1-888-284-4904**) and (2) declare the DOF activity declaration on your VMS unit (**Note –** If you experience difficulty using the IVR system, call the Analysis and Program Support Division (APSD) for assistance at **(978) 281-9234**. APSD also maintains a back-up IVR message line at **888-487-9994**).

b. **Exception 2 - Fishing on the Same VMS Declaration that was Last Declared.** This alternative method allows owner/operators to call the IVR system and follow the prompts to '**Confirm the Use of a Previous VMS Code**'. It is not to be used in lieu of an inoperable VMS. This feature saves you the step of sending a declaration from your VMS unit and will provide you with a confirmation number; however, it may only be used if your declaration is identical to the last declaration received by NMFS. The IVR system will report to you the last 12-character VMS declaration 'code' received from your vessel so be prepared to know the declaration code you wish to use for your trip. See **Attachment 2** for directions on how to use this feature.

Charts 1-4 on the following pages depict various regulatory areas to assist you with Multispecies and Monkfish declaration reporting.

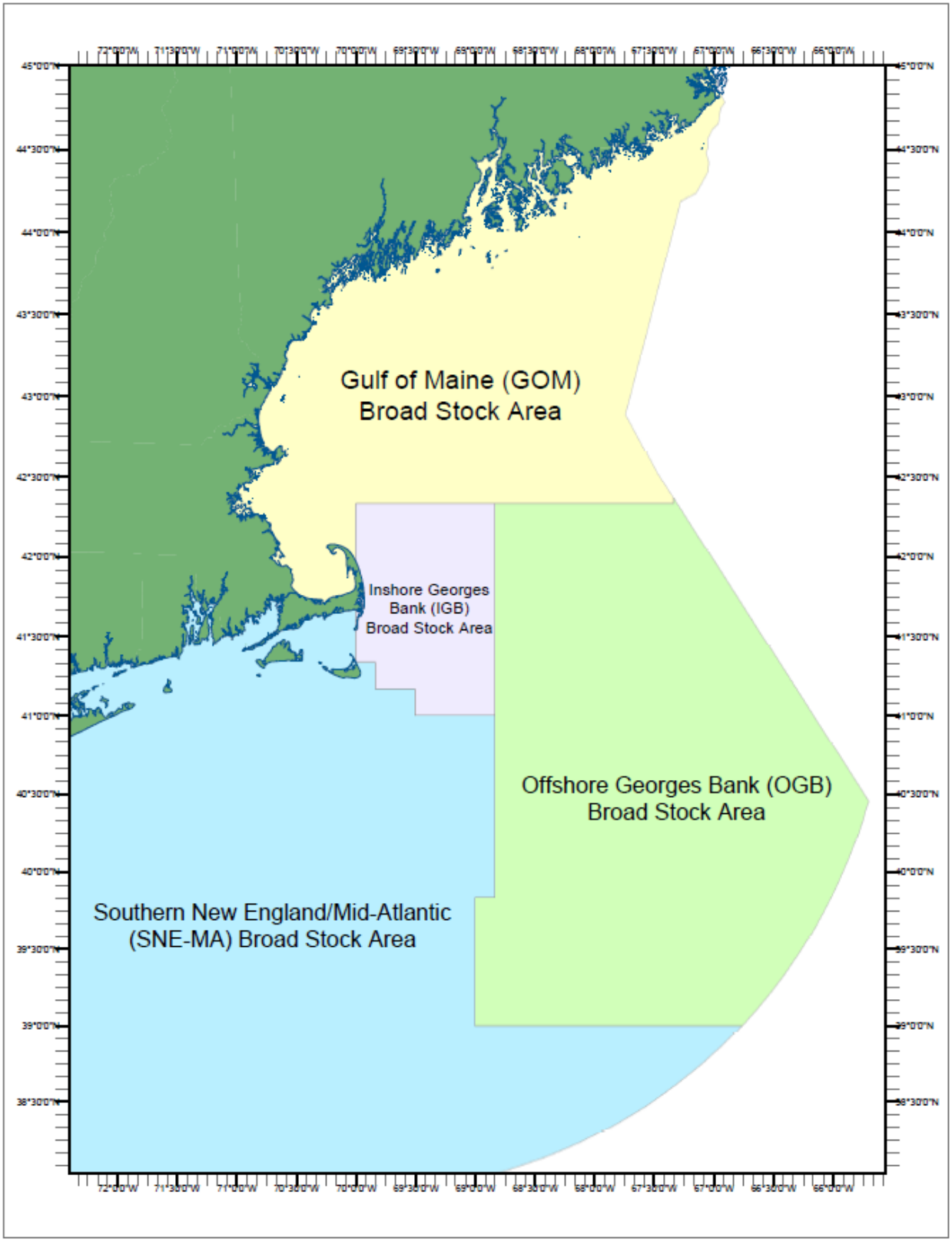


Chart 1 –Multispecies Broad Stock Areas (BSA) (50 CFR 648.10(k)(3))

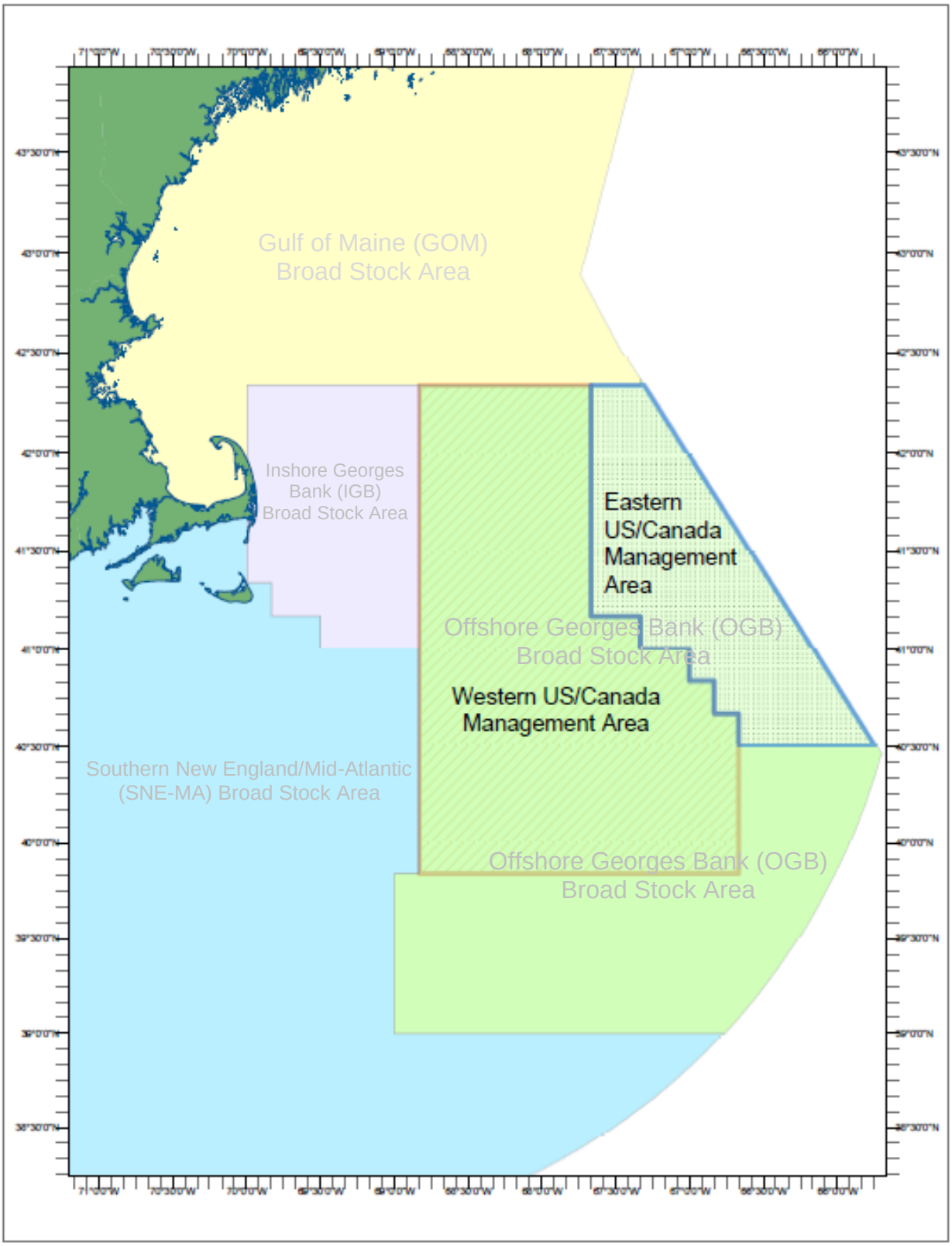


Chart 2 – Eastern and Western US/Canada Management Areas (50 CFR 648.85(a))

Note – Both the Eastern and Western US/CA Areas are <u>entirely</u> within the Offshore Georges Bank Broad Stock Area (OGB BSA). Therefore, when declaring either the Eastern or Western US/CA, or both, under the Broad Stock Area question you must also select the OGB BSA.

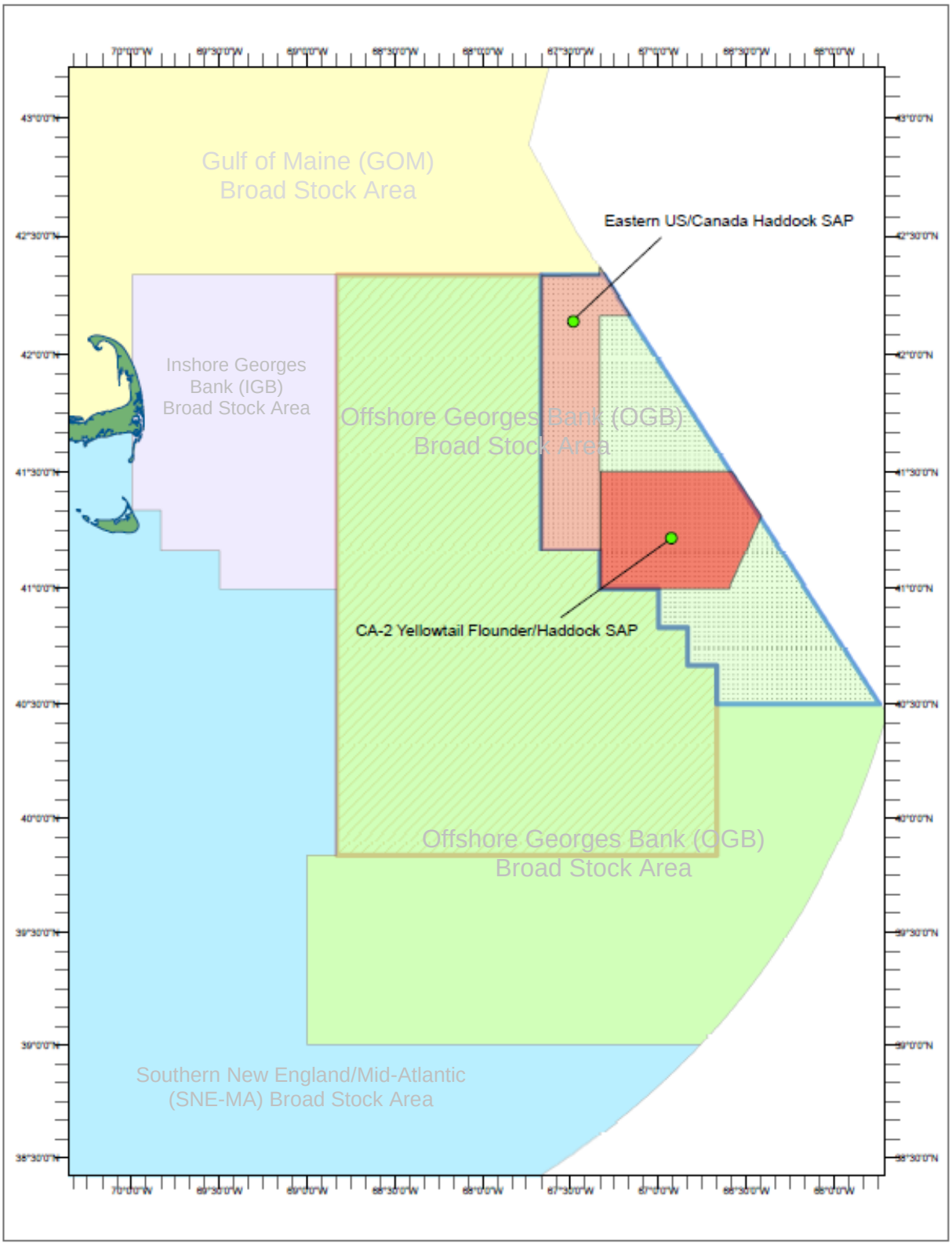


Chart 3 – Multispecies Special Access Program (SAP) Areas (50 CFR 648.85(b))

Note – Both SAPs are <u>entirely</u> within the Offshore Georges Bank Broad Stock Area (OGB BSA). Therefore, when declaring either the Eastern US/CA Haddock SAP, CA-2 Yellowtail Flounder/ Haddock SAP, or both, under the Broad Stock Area question you must also select the OGB BSA.

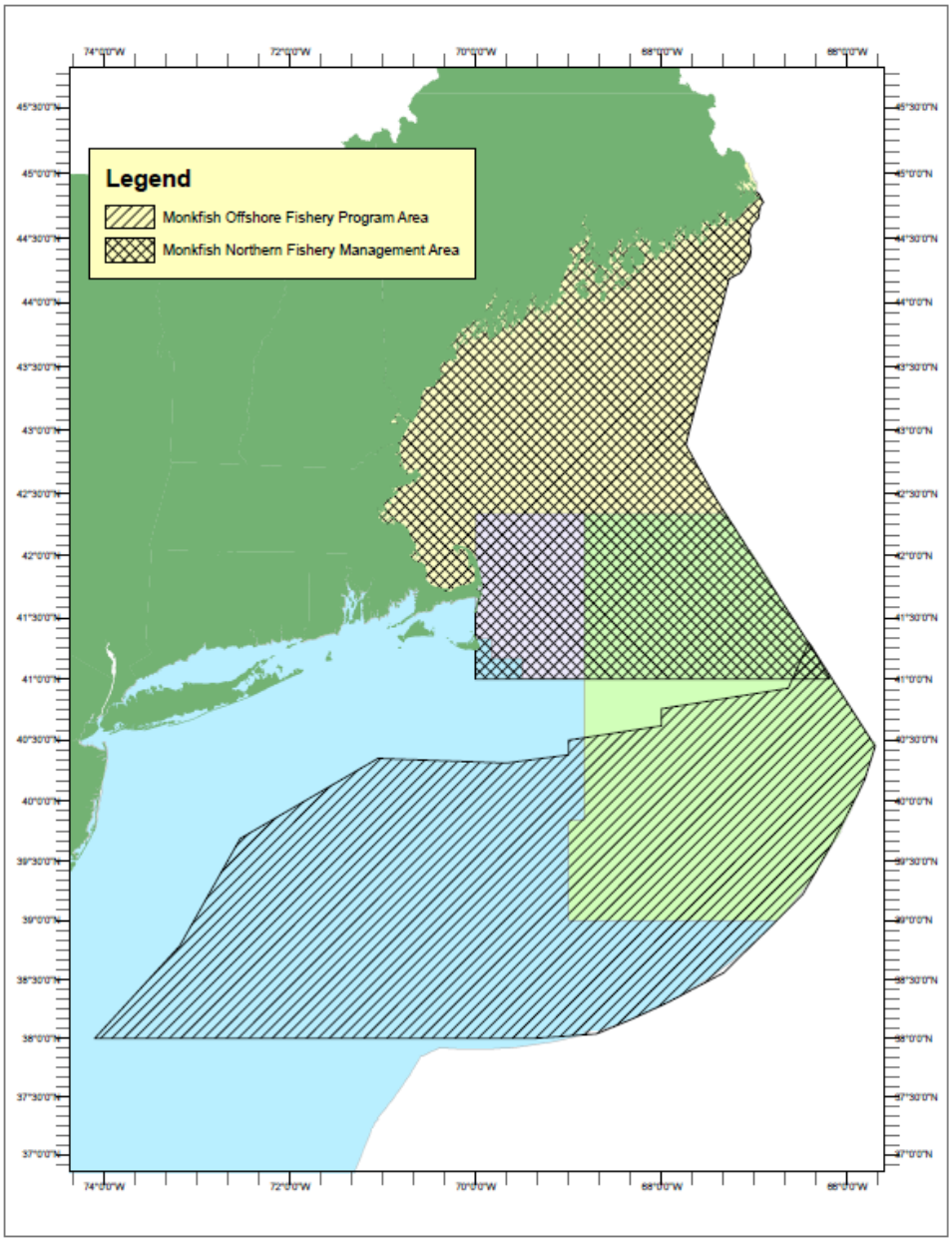


Chart 4 – Monkfish Northern Fishery Management Area (50 CFR 648.91(a)) and Offshore Fishery Program Area (50 CFR 648.95(c))

Note – When declaring a Monkfish trip and also using Multispecies days-at-sea, you must declare those multispecies broad stock areas (BSAs) you intend to fish. The Monkfish Northern Fishery Management Area (NFMA) covers all four (4) BSAs as shown above; you must select one or all of the BSAs you intend to fish. The Southern Fishery Management Area (SFMA) is the area entirely outside the NFMA; if you intend to fish any part of your trip in the SFMA, you must also select one or all of the four BSAs you intend to fish.

For those few Monkfish Category F permit holders who fish the Offshore Fishery Program Area and also intend to use Multispecies days-at-sea, this area covers two BSAs – you must select the Offshore Georges Bank (OGB) BSA and/or Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE-MA) BSA.

5. **Declaring Out of Fishery.** These declarations are used whenever the vessel's activity will be any activity other than the requirement to declare a limited access scallop trip, general category scallop trip, multispecies sector or common pool trip, monkfish days-at-sea trip, herring trip, surfclam trip, ocean quahog trip, Maine mahogany quahog trip, longfin or illex squid trip, or mackerel trip. This declaration is also appropriate for any vessel movement away from the dock/mooring when no fishing activity is intended (for example, transits, equipment shakedown/testing, retrieving lost gear, etc).

There are seven (7) DOF declarations to choose from, as follows:

- **Transit <u>without</u> Product Onboard.** Select for all transits between ports when there is no fishing activity, as well as equipment shakedown/testing, retrieving lost gear, etc. (VMS code: DOF-TST-XXXXXX).

- **Transit <u>with</u> Product Onboard.** Select for all transits authorized by regulations in which the vessel is declaring out of a VMS-required fishery and there is product onboard the vessel (VMS code: DOF-TSP-XXXXXX).

- **Fishing - Commercial.** Select for trips when fishing that does not require a declaration for the species listed above (Para. 5) or for activities covered by Exception 1 on **page 6.** This declaration also requires you to choose your intended gear. (VMS code: DOF-CML-XXX?XX where '?' represents the gear code chosen).

- **Exempted Fishing Permit.** Select for trips when fishing on an EFP and targeting species not addressed in the other declarations. This declaration also requires you to choose your intended gear. (VMS code: DOF-EFP-XXX?XX where '?' represents the gear code chosen).

- **Fishing - Recreational/Charter.** Select for recreational and charter fishing trips (VMS code: DOF-REC-XXXXXX).

- **Scientific Research.** Select for trips involving scientific research activity when not on an Experimental fishing permit (VMS code: DOF-SCI-XXXXXX). This declaration also requires you to choose your type of research – NMFS Letter of Acknowledgment (LOA) or Other Research.

- **NAFO**. Select <u>only</u> when permitted by NMFS to participate in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) outside the U.S. EEZ (VMS code: DOF-NAF-XXXXXX).

6. **Declaring the Monkfish Option with a Multispecies Declaration.** If you anticipate exceeding the monkfish incidental catch limit while on a multispecies sector or DAS trip and want to retain the monkfish caught, declare the monkfish option in Step 1. This action preserves your ability to change to a monkfish DAS trip later while at sea (you do not accrue Monkfish DAS unless you decide during the trip to redeclare your trip as a Monkfish trip). However, you must fish your multispecies trip entirely within the monkfish Northern Fishery Management Area (NFMA). Your VMS code will show either an 'M' (for monkfish option) or an 'I' (for monkfish option and on an EFP trip) in the 2nd to last character. To declare the option, go to the appropriate multispecies sector or common pool declaration screen, then read the text in Step 1 and click the box to the left of 'Yes'.

7. **Declaration Code.** Your declaration is converted by your VMS software into a 12-character VMS code (format: XXX-XXX-XXXXXX) and transmitted to NMFS when you press the 'Send' button. Check the code and description to be sure they accurately reflect your intended activity.

8. **Declaration Acknowledgment.** Regulations require that you send an accurate declaration; therefore, you are encouraged to await an acknowledgment. Once you send a declaration, check your tablet's 'Outbox' to confirm that is states 'SENT' to the right of your declaration message. This is your acknowledgment, and is confirmation that NMFS will receive the declaration that you sent. You may always call the VMS Team during the workday to confirm receipt.

Note – Owner/operators who are familiar with the older McMurdo Omnitracs VMS will recall that an acceptance or rejection acknowledgment message was sent by McMurdo to the vessel; this is not the case with the Orolia OmniCom – your tablet will confirm your acknowledgment by indicating 'SENT'.

9. **Required VMS Reports.** Your VMS software also includes several required forms (reports). We have covered the sending of an activity declaration prior to leaving port. Now, we will discuss those forms that, if appropriate for your intended activity, must be sent before leaving port. A list of these forms is in **Table 3** below. See **Attachment 1** to view these forms.

VMS Form	Must be sent by:	Purpose
Multispecies Trip Start Hail	All Sector vessels declaring a groundfish trip only when intending to fish on a NMFS exemption/option.	To provide advance notification to enforcement personnel.
RSA & EFP Trip Start Hail	All vessels as required by their NMFS RSA or EFP Letter of Authorization.	To provide advance notification to enforcement personnel and to track individual RSA quota.

Table 3 – VMS Forms Required to be sent before Leaving Port

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – AT SEA AND RETURNING TO PORT

1. **VMS Demarcation Line.** The VMS demarcation line is defined by a series of lines connecting 51 coordinates as described in 50 CFR 648.10 and the VMS web page. The line generally follows the contour of the Eastern Seaboard from northern Maine to North Carolina. When your vessel crosses the VMS demarcation line, the NMFS monitoring system automatically records a trip start and trip end event for your trip. Your trip starts on the first VMS position seaward of the line and ends with the first VMS position shoreward of the line.

2. **Trip Start and End**. A VMS trip consists of the VMS-assigned Trip Identification Number, VMS Activity Declaration (Code), Trip Start Date/Time, Trip End Date/Time, and Trip Duration. A VMS trip automatically starts on the first position report sent by your VMS unit that is seaward of the demarcation line (defined as 'in the Northeast Fishery'). A VMS trip automatically ends on the first position report shoreward of the demarcation line upon the return to port. The declaration that is initially associated with the trip and reported to you in the Trip Start e-mail (described below) is the last declaration successfully received from your vessel prior to leaving port. The declaration reported to you in the Trip End e-mail is the final declaration associated with the trip and recorded in the VMS and GARFO databases.

Note - Do not declare out of the fishery on your return to port to end your trip or stop your days-at-sea clock – as previously stated, your trip automatically ends with the first VMS position shoreward of the demarcation line on the return to port.

3. **Position Reporting.** Your vessel's VMS unit must be operational by sending automatic position reports, and be capable of sending and receiving messages. If you hold a VMS-required limited access or general category scallop permit, your VMS must send position reports on a half-hourly

basis regardless of the vessel's activity. For all other permits requiring the use of VMS, the unit must send automatic position reports on an hourly basis regardless of the vessel's activity. For vessels that hold multiple permits, the most restrictive VMS reporting rate applies. If you replace your VMS unit, be sure the replacement unit is correctly set to your vessel's proper reporting rate.

To determine if the Orolia VMS is positioning normally and sending required position reports to NMFS, check the white junction box for an illuminated power light and no fault lights illuminated. Also, on your tablet, go to the 'Home' page and review 'System Status'. Your tablet should indicate a 'Status' of 'Connected' and a 'GPS Status' of 'Acquired' along with a count of satellites in view. Another means is to call Orolia (see **page 19**) to verify positioning data, or send an e-mail request to **fleetsupport@orolia.com** from the VMS unit. E-mail is delivered by a different satellite system; if there is a problem with positioning, e-mail capability may still be available.

4. **If the VMS Unit Stops Positioning.** Please be sure that your VMS unit is well maintained and sending the required position reports. Periodically check your unit to ensure that it is positioning normally. If your VMS unit stops functioning (positioning and/or messaging) and you are unable to restore normal operation, your vessel is no longer VMS-compliant and continuing to fish may result in a violation. Notify the VMS Team, and have the unit checked/repaired and returned to operational status before the next trip.

5. **NMFS Courtesy E-Mail Notification of Trip Start and End**. The VMS Team manages a script that automatically sends a courtesy trip start and trip end e-mail to your VMS unit for every trip. All costs associated with courtesy e-mails are paid for by NMFS; no cost is incurred by your vessel. The Trip Start e-mail is sent approximately 4 hours after a trip start is recorded by the NMFS monitoring system. The message will be in the following format (example shown):

From: nmfs.ole.ne@noaa.gov
To: (vessel's VMS unit e-mail address)
Subject: F/V (name) - Trip Start

Trip Start: 2019-12-01 09:30
Trip ID: 1301010
VMS Code: NMS-SEC-OPXWXA. If code is incorrect, return to a port & redeclare.
NE VMS Team: 978-281-9213.

Note - The trip start email that your VMS unit receives from NMFS is not a confirmation of your trip declaration, but only provides the most-recent declaration received from your vessel.

The Trip End e-mail is sent approximately 6-8 hours after a trip end is recorded. If your VMS is powered down while in port, delivery of the message to your VMS may time out before you receive it. You can also provide the VMS Team with a personal e-mail address to receive the trip start/end e-mails and other e-mails from NMFS (see **Secondary Courtesy E-Mail Address Service** below). The delays in delivery of trip start and end e-mails are a necessary feature of the NMFS VMS trip generation system to ensure accurate trip accounting. The message will be in the following format (example shown):

From: nmfs.ole.ne@noaa.gov
To: (vessel's VMS unit e-mail address)
Subject: F/V (name) - Trip End

Trip End: 2019-12-01 21:30
VMS Code: NMS-SEC-OPXWXA
Trip ID: 1301010
Trip Length: 0.5 days

6. **Secondary Courtesy E-Mail Address Service.** The VMS Team maintains an e-mail service that allows owners to receive trip e-mails and other NMFS VMS correspondence with the vessel via the owner's personal e-mail address. Contact the VMS Team. There is no charge to the vessel owner for this service.

7. **If You Do Not Receive Your Trip E-mail(s).** The VMS Team stops the trip generation program temporarily any time that a delay in delivery of VMS data is detected from one or more VMS vendors. This is necessary to prevent problems with the proper generation of trips that could affect trip accounting. Once the trip generator is restarted, any backlog of trip e-mails should be sent to your vessel and, if appropriate, the secondary e-mail address. For questions, call the VMS Team.

8. **Declaring an Incorrect VMS Activity Declaration.** If your vessel leaves port on a trip and you declared the wrong activity, it's recommended that you return the vessel to a port (or inside the VMS demarcation line for scallop-permitted vessels on scallop trips) and redeclare the proper activity through your VMS unit. If unable to do so, notify the VMS Team. You do not necessarily have to return to the port from which you departed. The vessel must be in a port, or as close to the port as safety dictates.

9. **Changing the VMS Declaration during a Trip**. When in the NE Fishery, your VMS unit does not allow you to change your trip declaration, except under three specific situations:

- Declaring a 'flex' on a groundfish or monkfish trip;
- Flipping the groundfish DAS type from 'B' to 'A', when possession limits are exceeded; and
- Changing from a multispecies trip to a monkfish DAS trip (only if the monkfish option was declared in port).

If eligible, a vessel may flex, flip and change to a monkfish declaration <u>only</u> once per trip. These actions do not necessarily have to occur simultaneously. These three situations are further described below.

Note – Except under specific circumstances when the use of 'Declare out of Fishery with Product Onboard' is authorized by NMFS, you may <u>not</u> send another activity declaration after crossing the demarcation line upon return to port while you have product onboard the vessel.

a. **Declaring a Multispecies or Monkfish 'FLEX' Trip.** A flex is declared at sea in the NE Fishery by adding fishing area(s) to the groundfish or monkfish declaration that you sent in port. Only <u>one</u> flex per trip is allowed. Sector and common pool vessels have different flex options. To declare a flex, go to the declaration screen that you used to make your initial declaration for the trip, then:

- For Steps 1-3. Choose the same selections you made in port.
- For Step 4. Choose the same program areas that you made in port, and then choose additional areas you want to fish.
- For Step 5. Choose the same broad stock areas (BSAs) that you made in port, and, if appropriate, choose any additional BSAs that you want to fish. Be sure that you select BSAs that encompass the program area(s) that you chose in step 4.
- For Step 6. Choose the same EFP selection you made in port.

b. **'Flipping' the Multispecies Day-at-Sea (DAS) Type**. This situation applies to Multispecies Common Pool vessels only. When multispecies trip limits are exceeded while fishing

on a declared Regular or Reserve 'B' DAS trip, you must change or 'flip' your VMS trip declaration to 'A' DAS. To flip, go to the Multispecies Common Pool declaration screen that you used to make your initial declaration for the trip, then:

- Steps 1-2. Choose the same selections you made in port.
- Step 3. Choose 'Mults A-DAS'.
- Step 4-5. Choose the same selections you made in port.
- Step 6. Choose the same EFP selection you made in port.

c. **Changing from a Multispecies to a Monkfish DAS Declaration.** To invoke the monkfish option that you selected with your initial declaration, and change to a monkfish DAS declaration at sea, go to the Monkfish declaration screen, then:

- Step 1. Choose the same selection you made in port.
- Step 2. Choose both Monkfish and Mults DAS.
- Step 3. Choose 'NFMA'.
- Step 4-5. Choose the same selections you made in port.
- Step 6. Choose the same EFP selection you made in port.

Your new Monkfish declaration will retain the trip modifier 'M' (for Monkfish Option) or 'I' (for Monkfish Option on an EFP trip) in the 2nd to last character of the code. You may also flex (one time) either before, during or after changing to a Monkfish DAS declaration. If you do not intend to invoke the monkfish option and want to remain on a groundfish trip declaration, no action is required and you may land your trip on the original declaration. Remember, if you declare the monkfish option before leaving port but decide to fish any part of your trip in the monkfish SFMA, you forfeit your option to change to a Monkfish DAS declaration. Your VMS screen provides brief instructions for changing to a Monkfish DAS declaration. The instructions are located on the Sector and Common Pool Multispecies declaration screens.

10. **Required VMS Reports.** The forms shown below are required to be sent from your VMS unit, as appropriate, while your vessel is at sea and seaward of the VMS demarcation line. A list of these forms is shown in **Table 4** below. See **Attachment 1** to view these forms and specific reporting instructions.

VMS Form	Must be sent by:	Purpose
Multispecies Catch Report	Vessels on groundfish-declared trips on a daily or trip-level basis, and upon switching to smaller mesh to fish under an exemption/option. Refer to the flow chart in **Attachment 3** for guidance.	To report VTR and estimated weights prior to landing.
Multispecies Trip End Hail	All vessels on groundfish-declared trips at least 6 hours before arrival.	To provide advance notice for the monitoring of offloads.
Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment	Those vessels on monkfish-declared trips that exceed their DAS charge, before crossing the VMS demarcation line on return to port.	To report that the daily trip limit was exceeded by one extra limit so that the vessel's DAS charge may be adjusted.
Scallop Daily Catch Report	All vessels on declared scallop trips by 9 am daily. This report is not required for vessels on a single-day trip and sending a scallop pre-landing notification.	To report VTR and estimated weights prior to landing.

Scallop Pre-Landing Notification	Limited Access and LAGC vessels on the following trips at least 6 hours before arrival (or upon crossing shoreward of the demarcation line when a limited access vessel declares out of the limited access scallop day-at-sea fishery to transit to a port south of 39 degrees North with scallops onboard): (1) All vessels on a declared limited access or LAGC scallop trip; (2) A vessel with an LAGC IFQ or NGOM scallop permit is retaining scallops when not on a declared scallop trip; (3) Declaring out of the limited access scallop day-at-sea fishery to transit to a port south of 39 degrees North with scallops onboard.	To provide advance notice for the monitoring of offloads.
Herring Daily Catch Report	All vessels on a declared herring trip by 9 am daily.	To report VTR, and estimated pounds kept and discarded prior to landing.
Herring Pre-Landing Notification	All vessels on a declared herring trip at least 6 hours before arrival.	To provide advance notice for the monitoring of offloads.
Mackerel and Squid Daily Catch Report	All vessels on a declared mackerel or squid trip by 9 am daily.	To report VTR and estimated weights prior to landing.
Mackerel Pre-Landing Notification	All vessels on mackerel-declared trips when the landing will exceed 20,000 lbs at least 6 hours before arrival.	To provide advance notice for the monitoring of offloads.
RSA and EFP Trip End Hail	All vessels at least 6 hours before arrival as required by their NMFS RSA or EFP Letter of Authorization.	To provide advance notice for the monitoring of offloads and to track individual RSA quota.

Table 4 – VMS Forms Required to be Sent While in the NE Fishery

11. **VMS E-Mail Messaging.** The VMS Team uses e-mail to communicate with your vessel via the VMS. Communications include notifying all VMS vessels of short-notice regulatory changes (area closures, possession limits, etc) and notifying individual vessel operators of potential closed area incursions, VMS non-reporting, declaration miscodings, requests to contact a NMFS enforcement agent or officer, etc. In addition to other notification methods, the Coast Guard may request the VMS vendors to send a severe weather warning. <u>For these purposes, it is important that you monitor your incoming VMS e-mail and maintain the capability to send outgoing e-mail</u>.

12. **Trip 'Stitching'.** The trip stitching function is a part of the VMS trip generation program. Its purpose is to keep a trip open if a vessel briefly enters and positions shoreward of the VMS demarcation line then exits outside the line to continue its trip. The individual trip segments are stitched or joined together as one trip. For example, vessels that transit through Vineyard and Nantucket Sound may cross the demarcation line several times on their outbound or inbound trip. If trip stitching was not applied, a single trip may be recorded by NMFS as two or more trips, affecting the trip length and/or DAS charge. The rules associated with trip stitching are:

a. Did the base VMS declaration code (first 6 characters, ie, XXX-XXX) remain the same before and after the vessel entered the demarcation line? and,

b. Was the vessel inside the demarcation line for less than 4 hours (or, less than 55 minutes for LAGC scallop trips)?

If the answer to both questions above is **yes**, trip stitching will keep the trip intact so that only one trip is recorded. An unintended effect of trip stitching may occur when a vessel ends one trip then departs on another trip within 4 hours under the same base VMS code. Two separate trips may be captured as a single trip. Also, entering back inside the demarcation line for longer than 4 hours, such as transiting the Vineyard/Nantucket Sound area at slow speed, may result in a single trip being recorded as two trips. If you believe that your trip has been erroneously affected by trip stitching, call the VMS Team.

ADDITIONAL VMS INFORMATION

1. **DAS Charging for VMS Trips**. The DAS Program is managed by the Analysis and Program Support Division (APSD). Please contact APSD for assistance at **(978) 281-9234**.

2. **VMS Messaging Costs.** Vessel owners are financially responsible for all regulatory reporting requirements through VMS, which typically include the messaging shown below. It is recommended that you confirm your payment plan and associated costs with your VMS vendor. NMFS pays for all messages that we send to your vessel and for any additional position reports sent from your VMS unit if NMFS temporarily increases your reporting rate. Vessel owners typically pay for:

- All required 30 or 60-minute position reports sent to NMFS.
- All NMFS-required VMS declarations and reports.
- All other outgoing messages.
- All incoming messages, <u>except</u> those originated by NMFS.

3. **Replacing Your Vessel's VMS Unit.** Please notify the VMS Team within 3 days of installation of the new unit <u>and</u> prior to your next trip. You will need to submit documentation that you have installed an operational, approved VMS unit. Complete the VMS Certification form available under the 'Instructions & Forms' tab on the VMS web page. Email, fax or mail the form to the VMS Team.

4. **Removing Your Vessel's VMS Unit.** You may not remove the VMS from the vessel if you are required to report using VMS. If you cancel or transfer your permits, or sell the vessel and will no longer fish the vessel, contact your VMS vendor. The vendor is responsible for notifying NMFS of any VMS unit deactivations. You may also call the VMS Team to advise us of your intentions.

5. **Contacting the VMS Team.** The VMS Team is located in the Northeast Enforcement Division at: Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA, 01930.

- Phone Number: (978) 281-9213 (follow call prompts)
- FAX Number: (978) 281-9317
- Hours: 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday

Name	Position	VMS Responsibility	Contact Info
Bill Semrau	Program Manager	Overall program management	William.Semrau@noaa.gov (978) 281-9151
Michelle Cavanaugh	Technician	Herring, Mackerel & Squid Reporting; Power Down Letters of Exemption; Activations & Deactivations; Welcome Letters	Michelle.Cavanaugh@noaa.gov (978) 281-9239
Zachary Fyke	Technician	Scallop, Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Maine Mahogany Quahog & NAFO Reporting; Power Down Letters of Exemption	Zachary.Fyke@noaa.gov (978) 281-9274
Samantha	Technician	Multispecies, Monkfish & NAFO Reporting;	Samantha.Tolken@noaa.gov

Tolken		Activations & Deactivations	(978) 281-9230

Table 5 – VMS Team Contact List

6. **Alternate E-Mail Address to Contact the VMS Team.** You can send a VMS message at any time to: nmfs.ole.ne@noaa.gov. The VMS Team monitors this mailbox during business hours and will respond to your query. Your VMS Trip Start and End e-mails are sent from this address.

7. **Contacting the VMS Support Center.** If you are unable to reach the VMS Team, the National VMS Support Center has extended hours of operation and may be able to answer general questions about VMS registrations and vessel position reporting. The Support Center is also the primary point of contact for the National VMS Reimbursement program (see below). The Support Center will refer technical VMS questions to the appropriate vendor and regulatory questions to the Greater Atlantic Region. The Support Center is located at NMFS Headquarters, Office of Law Enforcement, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Hours of operation are 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Their phone number is **(888) 219-9228 (toll-free)**.

8. **VMS Reimbursement Program.** This program is centrally managed from OLE Headquarters, Silver Spring, MD. On the VMS web page, refer to the section entitled 'VMS Reimbursement Program' for a summary of the program, and a link to the latest Federal Register announcement of May 6, 2008. Owners/operators who believe they may be eligible should call the VMS Support Center to obtain a confirmation code then submit an application to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). Contact the VMS Support Center or refer to the following website: www.psmfc.org.

9. **Contacting NMFS Enforcement.** For law enforcement emergencies only, call the Enforcement Hot Line toll-free on a 24-hour basis at **(800) 853-1964.** Please do not call the Hot Line for a VMS-related equipment or technical issue; rather, contact your respective VMS vendor (below). For law enforcement-related questions or concerns that are of a non-emergency nature, contact your local NMFS enforcement office during business hours as follows:

a. **Northeast Enforcement Division District 1 – New England:**

- Office: Gloucester, MA
- Coverage: Maine through Connecticut
- Phone Number: (978) 281-9213

b. **Northeast Enforcement Division District 2 – Mid-Atlantic:**

- Office: Wall, NJ
- Coverage: New York through Virginia
- Phone Number: (732) 280-6490

10. **Contacting your VMS Vendor.** Orolia Fleet Management may be reached at:

- Address: 4296 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706
- Phone: 1-800-262-8722
- Email: fleetsupport@orolia.com
- Call Center: 24/7 for technical support
- Web Address: https://www.oroliamaritime.com/

Attachments: (1) Orolia Prisma Vessel 4.5.0.0 with Format 16 Reports
(2) How to 'Confirm the Use of a Previous VMS Code'
(3) Groundfish Catch Reporting Requirements

CHANGE LOG

DATE	CHANGES
15 Sep 2020	New reporting instruction for the Orolia OmniCom VMS type approved this date in the Greater Atlantic Region.

ATTACHMENT 1

Orolia Fleet Management
Vessel Reports (Declarations and Forms) v16

Declarations. Once you select the appropriate declaration screen, fill in all required fields. The following pages will show you each of the declaration screens. Guidance for filling in the fields is shown in the red boxes to the left and/or right of the form.

Notes:

When selecting an area or areas to fish in from the appropriate declaration, be sure that the area(s) is open for your intended fishing activity. The areas shown on your VMS declaration screen are entirely independent of any regulation or action by NMFS that opens or closes an area. For assistance on regulatory areas that are open or closed, contact the GARFO Sustainable Fisheries Division (978-281-9315) or the VMS Team.

The selections in the fields of the declaration screens shown on the next several pages are for illustrative purposes only.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Mussel declaration:

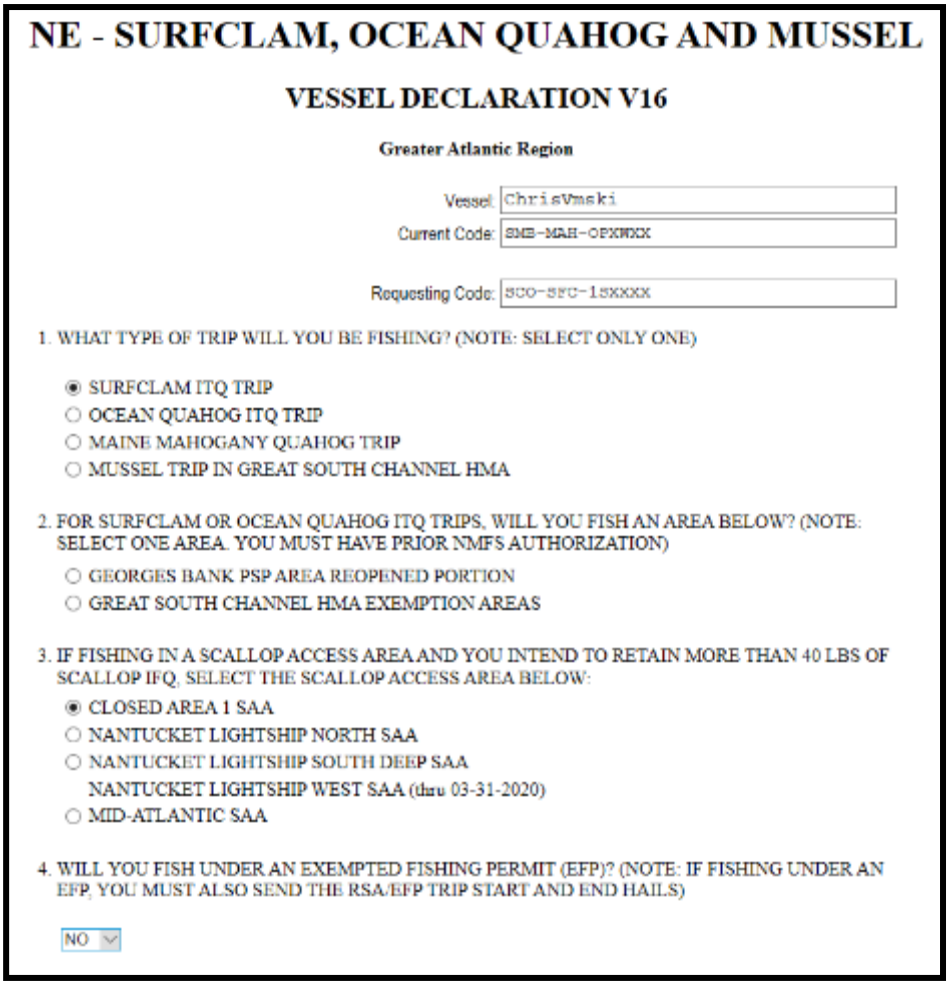
Step 1. Select the type of trip (only one).

Step 2. If you selected 'Surfclam ITQ' or 'Ocean Quahog ITQ' in Step 1, and you intend to fish one of these 2 areas, select the area. Otherwise, leave this question blank.

Step 3. Select an area, but only if you will fish in a scallop access area and retain > 40 lb of scallops. Otherwise, leave this question blank.

Step 4. If you will fish under a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - SURFCLAM, OCEAN QUAHOG AND MUSSEL

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SME-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: SCO-SFC-1SXXXX

1. WHAT TYPE OF TRIP WILL YOU BE FISHING? (NOTE: SELECT ONLY ONE)

- (●) SURFCLAM ITQ TRIP
- ( ) OCEAN QUAHOG ITQ TRIP
- ( ) MAINE MAHOGANY QUAHOG TRIP
- ( ) MUSSEL TRIP IN GREAT SOUTH CHANNEL HMA

2. FOR SURFCLAM OR OCEAN QUAHOG ITQ TRIPS, WILL YOU FISH AN AREA BELOW? (NOTE: SELECT ONE AREA. YOU MUST HAVE PRIOR NMFS AUTHORIZATION)

- ( ) GEORGES BANK PSP AREA REOPENED PORTION
- ( ) GREAT SOUTH CHANNEL HMA EXEMPTION AREAS

3. IF FISHING IN A SCALLOP ACCESS AREA AND YOU INTEND TO RETAIN MORE THAN 40 LBS OF SCALLOP IFQ, SELECT THE SCALLOP ACCESS AREA BELOW:

- (●) CLOSED AREA 1 SAA
- ( ) NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP NORTH SAA
- ( ) NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP SOUTH DEEP SAA
- NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP WEST SAA (thru 03-31-2020)
- ( ) MID-ATLANTIC SAA

4. WILL YOU FISH UNDER AN EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF FISHING UNDER AN EFP, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)

NO

Herring declaration:

Step 1. Herring carrier has no gear capable of catching fish. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'. Select only one.

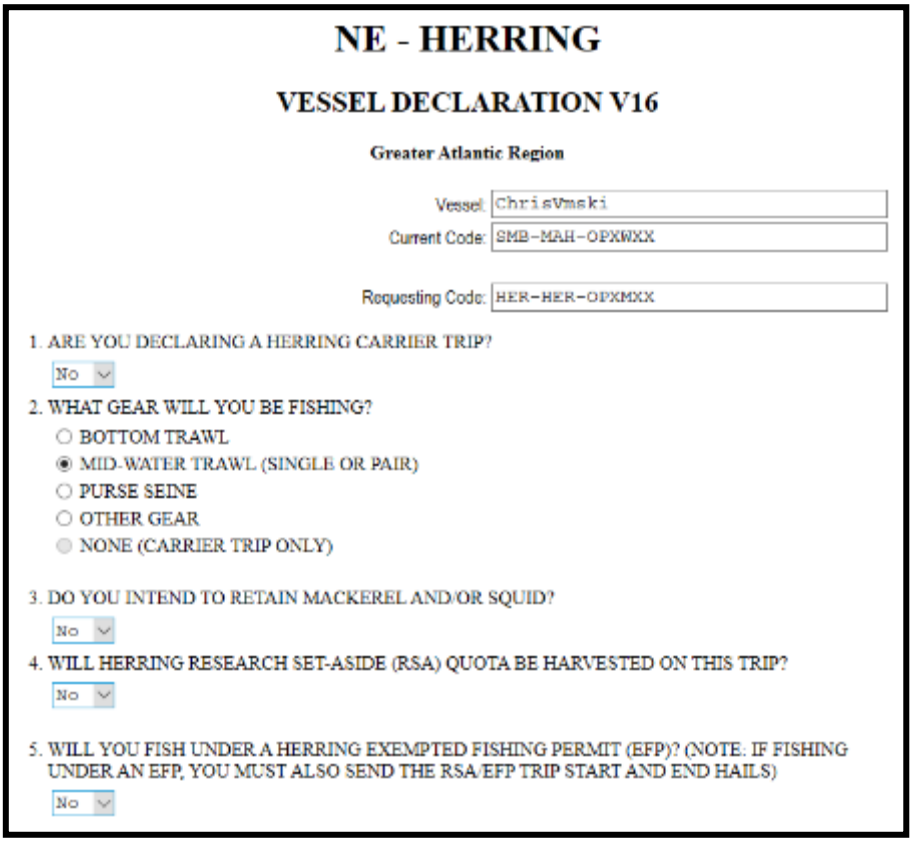
Step 2. Select the gear you intend to fish. Select 'None' if you answered 'Yes' in Step 1. Select only one.

Step 3. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'.

Step 4. Select 'Yes' only if you intend to harvest herring quota under a NMFS-authorized RSA. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Step 5. If you will fish under a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - HERRING

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: HER-HER-OPXMXX

1. ARE YOU DECLARING A HERRING CARRIER TRIP?

No

2. WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?

- BOTTOM TRAWL
- MID-WATER TRAWL (SINGLE OR PAIR)
- PURSE SEINE
- OTHER GEAR
- NONE (CARRIER TRIP ONLY)

3. DO YOU INTEND TO RETAIN MACKEREL AND/OR SQUID?

No

4. WILL HERRING RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA) QUOTA BE HARVESTED ON THIS TRIP?

No

5. WILL YOU FISH UNDER A HERRING EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF FISHING UNDER AN EFP, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)

No

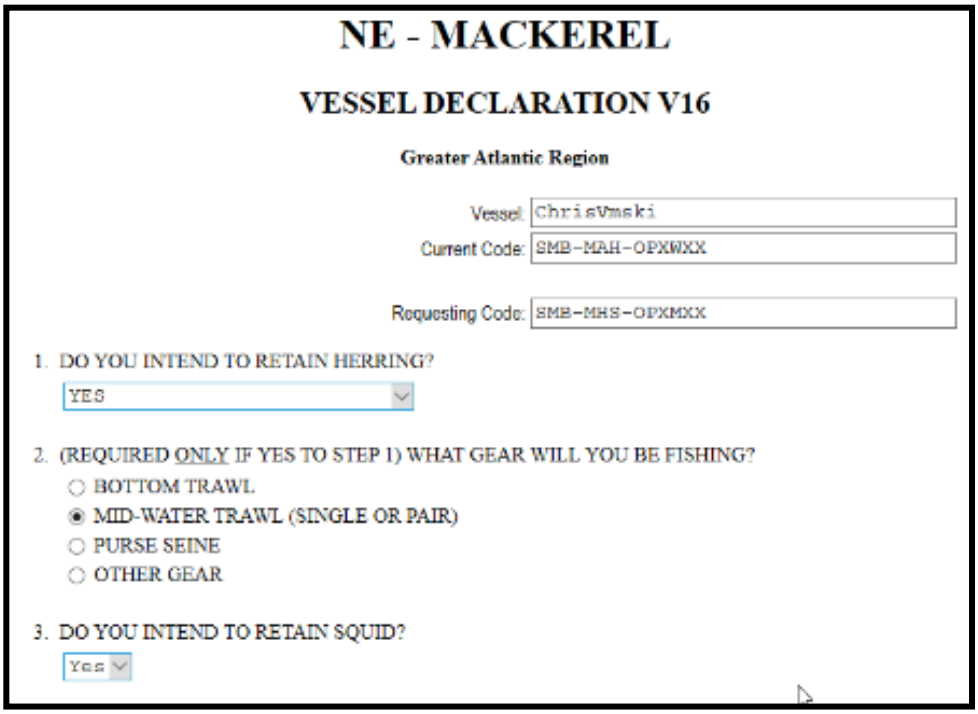
Mackerel declaration:

Step 1. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'. You can skip to Step 3 if you answered 'no' and you do not intend to retain herring.

Step 2. Select the gear you intend to fish if you answered 'Yes' in Step 1. Select only one gear type. Otherwise, you may leave this question blank.

Step 3. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - MACKEREL

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: SMB-MHS-OPXMXX

1. DO YOU INTEND TO RETAIN HERRING?

YES

2. (REQUIRED ONLY IF YES TO STEP 1) WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?

- ○ BOTTOM TRAWL
- ◉ MID-WATER TRAWL (SINGLE OR PAIR)
- ○ PURSE SEINE
- ○ OTHER GEAR

3. DO YOU INTEND TO RETAIN SQUID?

Yes

Squid declaration:

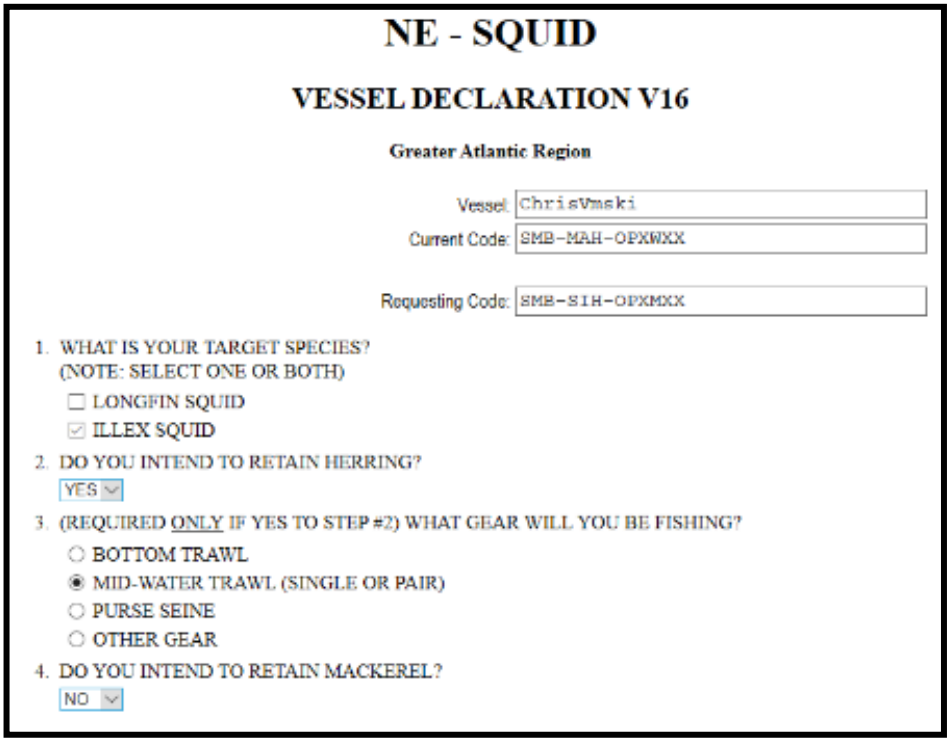
Step 1. Select one or both of the species you intend to target.

Step 2. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'. You can skip to Step 4 if you answered 'No' and you do not intend to retain herring.

Step 3. Select the gear you intend to fish if you answered 'Yes' in Step 2. Select only one gear type.

Step 4. Select either 'Yes' or 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - SQUID

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: SMB-SIH-OPXMXX

1. WHAT IS YOUR TARGET SPECIES?
(NOTE: SELECT ONE OR BOTH)
   - [ ] LONGFIN SQUID
   - [x] ILLEX SQUID
2. DO YOU INTEND TO RETAIN HERRING?
   YES
3. (REQUIRED ONLY IF YES TO STEP #2) WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?
   - ○ BOTTOM TRAWL
   - ◉ MID-WATER TRAWL (SINGLE OR PAIR)
   - ○ PURSE SEINE
   - ○ OTHER GEAR
4. DO YOU INTEND TO RETAIN MACKEREL?
   NO

Multispecies Sector declaration:

Note – For **sector (catch share) vessel** use only.

Step 1. Select 'Yes' only if you may need to change your declaration while in the NE Fishery to a monkfish trip. Otherwise, leave blank.

Step 2. Select the gear you intend to fish. Select only one.

Step 3. Select either one of the 3 days-at-sea (DAS) choices, or select multispecies (mults) A-DAS and scallop DAS, as appropriate.

Step 4. Select each area you intend to fish.

To FLEX, reenter your selections for steps 1-6 again, but select additional area(s) and broad stock area(s) (BSA) in Steps 4 and 5, respectively.

Step 5. Select the Broad Stock Area(s) that encompass the areas selected in Step 4.

Step 6. If you will fish under a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

NE - MULTISPECIES SECTOR

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: CoriaVmeki

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: NMS-SSC-OPXWMA

1. (OPTIONAL) DO YOU WANT TO ADD THE MONKFISH OPTION? (NOTE: IF YES, YOU MUST FISH ENTIRELY WITHIN THE MONKFISH NFMA. IF YOU EXCEED THE INCIDENTAL MONKFISH LIMIT, YOU MUST REDECLARE YOUR TRIP AT THE MONKFISH DECLARATION SCREEN BY SELECTING NFMA AND THE SAME GEAR, PROGRAM, BSA(S) AND EFP)

   ☑ YES

2. (REQUIRED) WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?

   ◉ TRAWL
   ○ HOOK
   ○ GILLNET

3. (REQUIRED) WHAT DAS WILL YOU BE FISHING ON?
   (NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRIP)

   ☑ NO DAS
   ☐ MULTS A-DAS
   ☐ SCALLOP DAS (NOTE: TRAWL GEAR ONLY)

4. (REQUIRED) WHAT PROGRAM AREA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
   (NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRIP)
   (FLEX OPTION: YOU MAY ADD PROGRAM AREA(S) AND BSA(S) ONCE PER TRIP BY REPEATING STEPS 1-5 ON THIS SCREEN)

   ☑ REGULAR ACCESS (OPEN AREA)
   ☐ WESTERN US/CANADA AREA
   ☐ EASTERN US/CANADA AREA (OUTSIDE SAPS)
   ☐ CA-2 YELLOWTAIL/HADDOCK SAP
   ☐ EASTERN US/CANADA HADDOCK SAP

5. (REQUIRED) WHAT BSA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
   (NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BASED ON THE PROGRAM AREA(S) SELECTED ABOVE)

   ☑ GULF OF MAINE
   ☐ INSHORE GEORGES BANK
   ☐ OFFSHORE GEORGES BANK
   ☐ SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

6. (REQUIRED) WILL YOU FISH UNDER AN EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF YES, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)

   No

Multispecies Common Pool declaration:

Note – For **common pool** vessel use only.

Step 1. Select 'Yes' only if you may need to change your declaration while in the NE Fishery to a monkfish trip. Otherwise, leave blank.

Step 2. Select the gear you intend to fish. Select only one.

Step 3. Select appropriate Days at Sea (DAS) for your trip. Your choices are:

- Multispecies (mults) A
- Mults B-Regular
- Mults B-Reserve
- Mults A & Scallop
- Mults B-Regular & Scallop
- Mults B-Reserve & Scallop

To FLIP (change from a B-DAS to an A-DAS), reenter your selections for Steps 1-2 and 4-6 again, but select Mults A in Step 3.

Step 4. Select each area you intend to fish.

To FLEX, reenter your selections for Steps 1-6 again, but select additional area(s) and broad stock area(s) (BSA) in Steps 4 and 5, respectively.

Step 5. Select the Broad Stock Area(s) that encompass the areas selected in Step 4.

Step 6. If you will fish under a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

NE - MULTISPECIES COMMON POOL

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: [illegible]

Current Code: [illegible]

Requesting Code: [illegible]

1. (OPTIONAL) DO YOU WANT TO ADD THE MONKFISH OPTION?
(NOTE: IF YES, YOU MUST FISH ENTIRELY WITHIN THE MONKFISH NFMA. IF YOU EXCEED THE INCIDENTAL MONKFISH LIMIT, YOU MUST REDECLARE YOUR TRIP AT THE MONKFISH DECLARATION SCREEN BY SELECTING NFMA AND THE SAME GEAR, PROGRAM, BSA(S) AND EFP)

☑ YES

2. (REQUIRED) WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?

◉ TRAWL
○ HOOK
○ GILLNET

3. (REQUIRED) WHAT DAS WILL YOU BE USING?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRIP. IF YOU SELECT B-DAS, YOU MUST FLIP TO A-DAS IF TRIP LIMIT EXCEEDED)

☑ MULTS A-DAS (ALL PROGRAMS/ALL AREAS)
☐ MULTS B-REGULAR DAS (ONLY SAPS OR B-DAS PROGRAM)
☐ MULTS B-RESERVE DAS (ONLY SAPS)
☐ SCALLOP DAS (NOTE: TRAWL GEAR ONLY)

4. (REQUIRED) WHAT PROGRAM AREA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRIP)
(FLEX OPTION: YOU MAY ADD THE OPEN AREA AND/OR WESTERN US/CA AREA TO YOUR EASTERN US/CA AREA, CA-2 YELLOWTAIL/HADDOCK SAP OR EASTERN US/CA HADDOCK SAP TRIP ONCE PER TRIP BY REPEATING STEPS 1-5 ON THIS SCREEN.)

☑ REGULAR ACCESS (OPEN AREA)
☐ WESTERN US/CANADA AREA
☐ EASTERN US/CANADA AREA (OUTSIDE SAPS)
☐ CA-2 YELLOWTAIL/HADDOCK SAP
☐ EASTERN US/CANADA HADDOCK SAP
☐ B-DAS PROGRAM
(NOTE: YOU MAY NOT SELECT THIS PROGRAM WITH ANY SAP ABOVE)

5. (REQUIRED) WHAT BSA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BASED ON THE PROGRAM AREA(S) SELECTED ABOVE)

☑ GULF OF MAINE
☐ INSHORE GEORGES BANK
☐ OFFSHORE GEORGES BANK
☐ SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

6. (REQUIRED) WILL YOU FISH UNDER AN EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF YES, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)

No

Monkfish declaration:

Step 1. Select the gear you intend to fish. Select only one.

Step 2. Unless this is a Monkfish RSA trip, always select at least Monkfish days-at-sea (DAS).

Additionally, if appropriate, select Multispecies (Mults) DAS and/or Scallop DAS.

Step 3. Select one of the two areas you intend to fish. Note - If you intend to fish in both the NFMA and SFMA, then select "Any part of trip fished in SFMA."

Step 4. Select each area you intend to fish.

If you selected only Monkfish DAS in Step 2, then select 'Monkfish-Only' (for CAT F vessels, select 'Monkfish Offshore Area'). If you selected Mults DAS in Step 2, you must select appropriate Mults areas here.

To FLEX, reenter your selections for Steps 1-5 again, but select additional area(s) and broad stock area(s) (BSA) in Steps 4 and 5, respectively.

Step 5. Select the Broad Stock Area(s) that encompass the mults areas selected in Step 4. However, select 'Monkfish-Only (No BSA declared)' if you did not select any Mults areas in Step 4.

Step 6. If you will fish under a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'

.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

NE – MONKFISH

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Current Code: [illegible]

Requesting Code: MNK-NAM-OPXHXX

1. (REQUIRED) WHAT GEAR WILL YOU BE FISHING?
(NOTE: IF REDECLARING A MONKFISH TRIP FROM A MULTISPECIES TRIP, SELECT SAME GEAR.)

- ○ TRAWL
- ◉ HOOK
- ○ GILLNET

2. (REQUIRED) WHAT DAS WILL YOU BE USING?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☑ MONKFISH DAS
- ☐ MONKFISH RSA DAS
  (NOTE: MAY NOT BE USED WITH THE MONKFISH OPTION; YOU MUST ALSO SELECT YES IN STEP 6)
- ☐ MULTS DAS BY A SECTOR VESSEL
- ☐ MULTS DAS BY COMMON POOL VESSEL
- ☐ SCALLOP DAS
  (NOTE: FOR SCALLOP DAS TRIPS YOU MUST USE TRAWL GEAR ONLY)

3. (REQUIRED) WHAT MANAGEMENT AREA WILL YOU FISH IN?
(NOTE: IF REDECLARING A MONKFISH TRIP FROM A MULTISPECIES TRIP, SELECT NFMA.)

- ◉ ENTIRE TRIP FISHED IN NFMA
- ○ ANY PART OF TRIP FISHED IN SFMA

4. (REQUIRED) WHAT PROGRAM AREA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR TRIP)
(MULTS FLEX OPTION: YOU MAY ADD PROGRAM AREA(S) AND BSA(S) ONCE PER TRIP BY REPEATING STEPS 1-5 ON THIS SCREEN.)

- ☑ MONKFISH-ONLY (NO PROGRAM DECLARED)
- ☐ MONKFISH OFFSHORE AREA (PERMIT CAT F ONLY)
- ☐ MULTS REGULAR ACCESS (OPEN AREA)
- ☐ MULTS WESTERN US/CANADA AREA
- ☐ MULTS EASTERN US/CANADA AREA (OUTSIDE SAPS)
- ☐ MULTS CA 2 YELLOWTAIL/HADDOCK SAP
- ☐ MULTS EASTERN US/CANADA HADDOCK SAP

5. (REQUIRED) WHAT MULTS BSA(S) WILL YOU FISH IN?
(NOTE: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BASED ON PROGRAM(S) SELECTED ABOVE. MONKFISH-PERMITTED VESSELS MUST MAKE BSA SELECTIONS BELOW WHEN USING MULTS DAS.)

- ☑ MONKFISH-ONLY (NO BSA DECLARED)
- ☐ GULF OF MAINE
- ☐ INSHORE GEORGES BANK
- ☐ OFFSHORE GEORGES BANK
- ☐ SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

6. (REQUIRED) WILL YOU FISH UNDER AN EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF YES, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)

No

Scallop declaration:

For General Category (LAGC) scallop trips

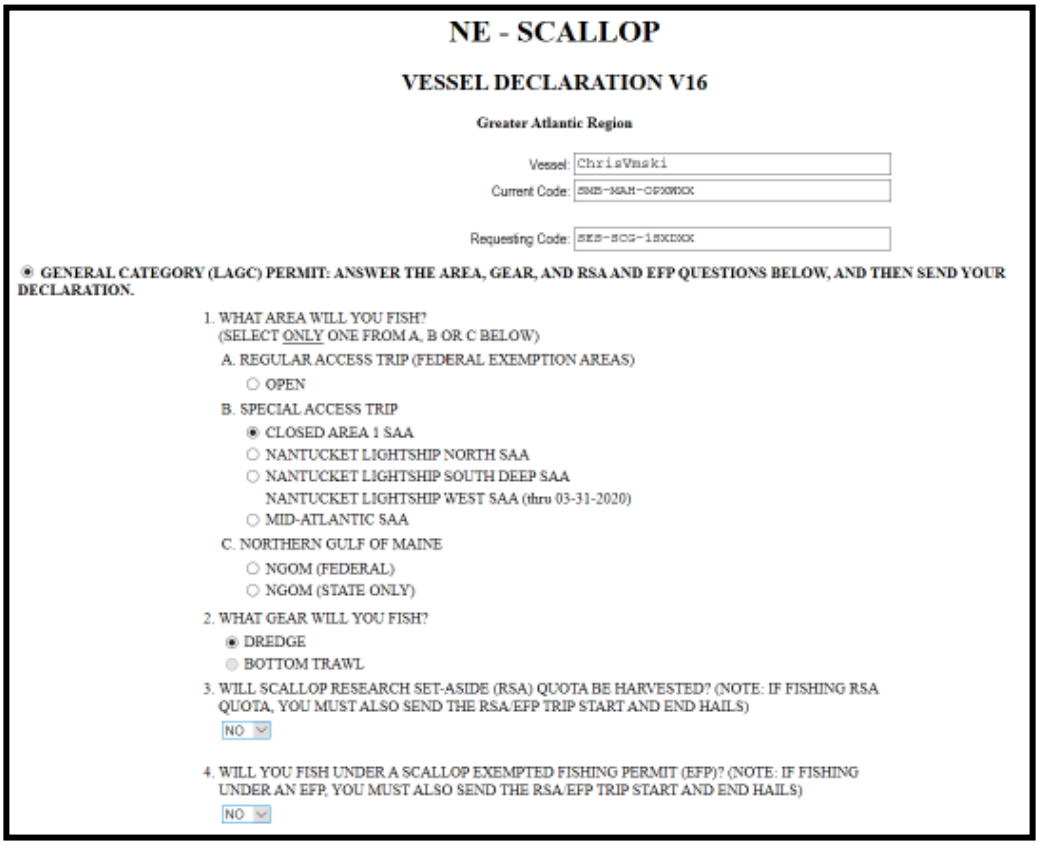
First, make one selection from either A, B or C.

Next, select the gear you intend to fish.

Then, go to the bottom and answer the RSA and EFP questions.

If you intend to fish for RSA quota during part or all of your trip, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'. If you intend to fish on a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - SCALLOP

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski
Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXNXX
Requesting Code: SES-SCG-1SXDXX

◉ GENERAL CATEGORY (LAGC) PERMIT: ANSWER THE AREA, GEAR, AND RSA AND EFP QUESTIONS BELOW, AND THEN SEND YOUR DECLARATION.

1. WHAT AREA WILL YOU FISH?
(SELECT ONLY ONE FROM A, B OR C BELOW)
A. REGULAR ACCESS TRIP (FEDERAL EXEMPTION AREAS)
○ OPEN
B. SPECIAL ACCESS TRIP
◉ CLOSED AREA 1 SAA
○ NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP NORTH SAA
○ NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP SOUTH DEEP SAA
NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP WEST SAA (thru 03-31-2020)
○ MID-ATLANTIC SAA
C. NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE
○ NGOM (FEDERAL)
○ NGOM (STATE ONLY)
2. WHAT GEAR WILL YOU FISH?
◉ DREDGE
○ BOTTOM TRAWL
3. WILL SCALLOP RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA) QUOTA BE HARVESTED? (NOTE: IF FISHING RSA QUOTA, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)
NO
4. WILL YOU FISH UNDER A SCALLOP EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF FISHING UNDER AN EFP, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)
NO

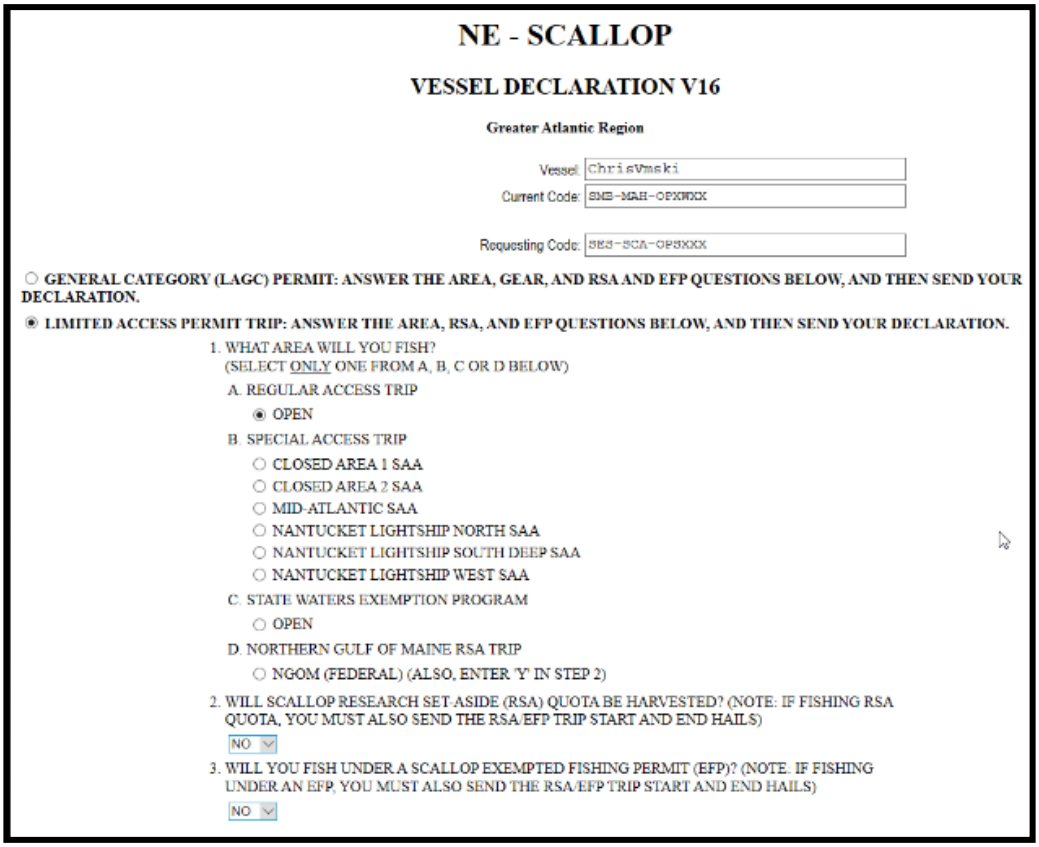
For Limited Access scallop trips

First, make one selection from either A, B, C or D.

Then, answer the RSA and EFP questions.

If you intend to fish for RSA quota during part or all of your trip, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'. If you selected a Northern Gulf of Maine RSA trip, you must select 'Yes' to the RSA question. If you intend to fish on a NMFS-authorized EFP, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - SCALLOP

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski
Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXNXX
Requesting Code: SES-SCA-OPSXXX

○ GENERAL CATEGORY (LAGC) PERMIT: ANSWER THE AREA, GEAR, AND RSA AND EFP QUESTIONS BELOW, AND THEN SEND YOUR DECLARATION.

◉ LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT TRIP: ANSWER THE AREA, RSA, AND EFP QUESTIONS BELOW, AND THEN SEND YOUR DECLARATION.

1. WHAT AREA WILL YOU FISH?
(SELECT ONLY ONE FROM A, B, C OR D BELOW)
A. REGULAR ACCESS TRIP
◉ OPEN
B. SPECIAL ACCESS TRIP
○ CLOSED AREA 1 SAA
○ CLOSED AREA 2 SAA
○ MID-ATLANTIC SAA
○ NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP NORTH SAA
○ NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP SOUTH DEEP SAA
○ NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP WEST SAA
C. STATE WATERS EXEMPTION PROGRAM
○ OPEN
D. NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE RSA TRIP
○ NGOM (FEDERAL) (ALSO, ENTER 'Y' IN STEP 2)
2. WILL SCALLOP RESEARCH SET-ASIDE (RSA) QUOTA BE HARVESTED? (NOTE: IF FISHING RSA QUOTA, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)
NO
3. WILL YOU FISH UNDER A SCALLOP EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)? (NOTE: IF FISHING UNDER AN EFP, YOU MUST ALSO SEND THE RSA/EFP TRIP START AND END HAILS)
NO

Declare Out of Fishery declaration:

Declare Out of Fishery: Select only one of the seven (7) choices as follows:

DOF-CML. When targeting species not addressed in the other declarations. You must also select a gear below.

DOF-EFP. When on an EFP and targeting species not addressed in the other declarations. You must also select a gear below.

DOF-TST. When transiting without product onboard.

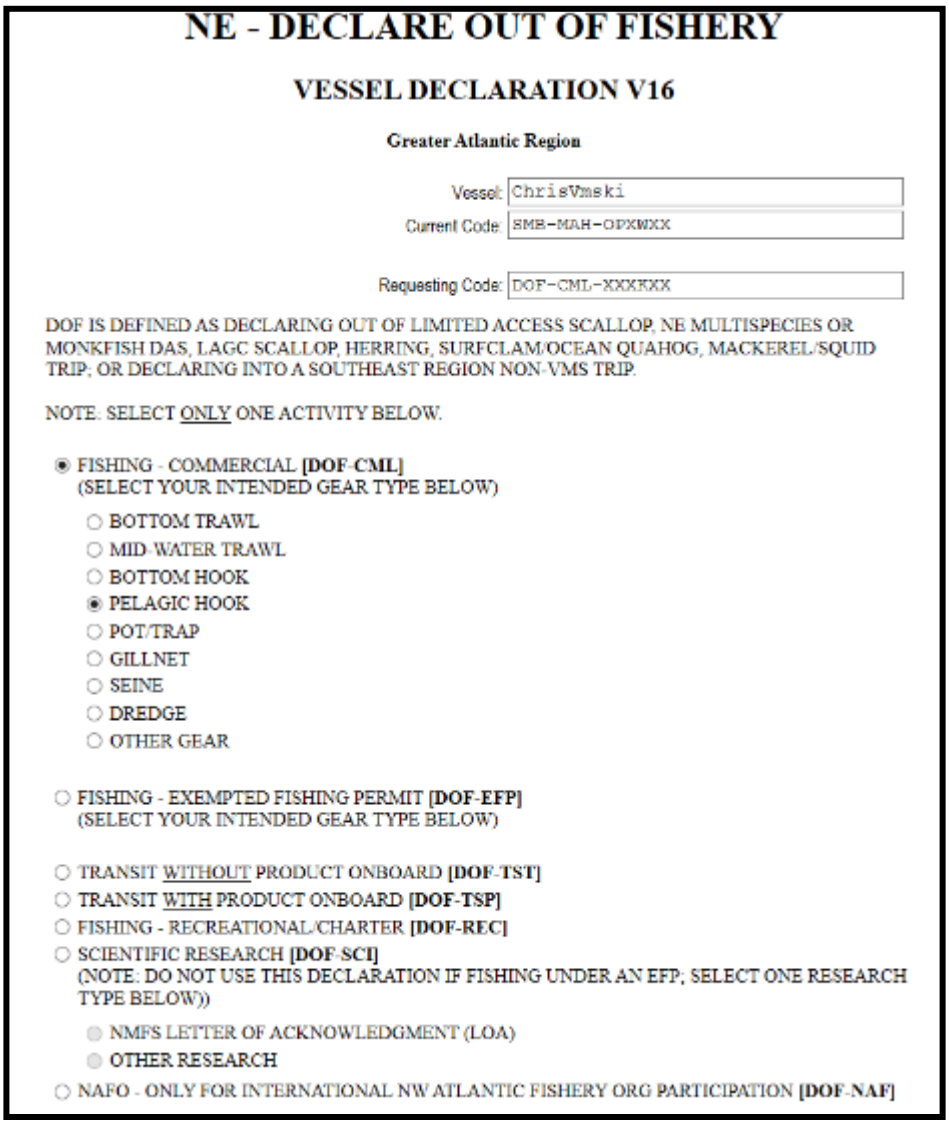
DOF-TSP. When transiting with product onboard.

DOF-REC. When on a recreational trip.

DOF-SCI. When conducting scientific research (not intended for EFP trips). You must also select NMFS LOA or Other Research below.

DOF-NAF. When participating in the Northwest Atlantic Fishery Organization.

Review your DOF selection, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



NE - DECLARE OUT OF FISHERY

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXWXX

Requesting Code: DOF-CML-XXXXXX

DOF IS DEFINED AS DECLARING OUT OF LIMITED ACCESS SCALLOP, NE MULTISPECIES OR MONKFISH DAS, LAGC SCALLOP, HERRING, SURFCLAM/OCEAN QUAHOG, MACKEREL/SQUID TRIP; OR DECLARING INTO A SOUTHEAST REGION NON-VMS TRIP.

NOTE: SELECT ONLY ONE ACTIVITY BELOW.

- (●) FISHING - COMMERCIAL **[DOF-CML]**
  (SELECT YOUR INTENDED GEAR TYPE BELOW)
  - ( ) BOTTOM TRAWL
  - ( ) MID-WATER TRAWL
  - ( ) BOTTOM HOOK
  - (●) PELAGIC HOOK
  - ( ) POT/TRAP
  - ( ) GILLNET
  - ( ) SEINE
  - ( ) DREDGE
  - ( ) OTHER GEAR
- ( ) FISHING - EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT **[DOF-EFP]**
  (SELECT YOUR INTENDED GEAR TYPE BELOW)
- ( ) TRANSIT WITHOUT PRODUCT ONBOARD **[DOF-TST]**
- ( ) TRANSIT WITH PRODUCT ONBOARD **[DOF-TSP]**
- ( ) FISHING - RECREATIONAL/CHARTER **[DOF-REC]**
- ( ) SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH **[DOF-SCI]**
  (NOTE: DO NOT USE THIS DECLARATION IF FISHING UNDER AN EFP; SELECT ONE RESEARCH TYPE BELOW))
  - ( ) NMFS LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT (LOA)
  - ( ) OTHER RESEARCH
- ( ) NAFO - ONLY FOR INTERNATIONAL NW ATLANTIC FISHERY ORG PARTICIPATION **[DOF-NAF]**

Power Down declaration:

Power Down: This declaration is only for use by LAGC scallop-permitted vessels when in port as long as they do not have other permits requiring continuous VMS reporting. Otherwise, a NMFS Letter of Exemption (LOE) is required.

NE - POWER DOWN IN PORT

VESSEL DECLARATION V16

Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Current Code: SMB-MAH-OPXMXX

Requesting Code: PWD-PWD-XXXXXX

IMPORTANT: THIS DECLARATION MAY ONLY BE SENT WHILE IN PORT AND AFTER LANDING ALL PRODUCT. BE SURE THIS DECLARATION IS TRANSMITTED FROM YOUR VMS BEFORE POWERING OFF THE UNIT. PRIOR TO LEAVING PORT, YOUR VMS MUST BE POWERED ON AND AN ACTIVITY DECLARATION SENT. USE OF THIS POWERDOWN DECLARATION WHILE UNDERWAY IS A VIOLATION.

☑ NMFS-AUTHORIZED POWER DOWN **[PWD-PWD]**

Forms. The following pages display all VMS forms or reports, and instructions (red boxes) for completing them.

Multispecies Catch Report:

All catch reports must contain at least the operator's permit number and VTR number.

Refer to Attachment 3 on Page 45 for guidance on when to send this report.

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8 digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day and year of the reported catch.

Step 4. First, enter the 3-digit statistical (stat) area where the species kept was harvested (you may enter up to 4 different stat areas on a single catch report).

Next, below each stat area enter the estimated weight of each species kept (up to 6 digits). Finally, be sure to enter the total amount of NON-groundfish kept for each stat area.

Step 5. Click in the box only if immediately switching to smaller mesh. During the remainder of your trip, you do not need to reselect this box.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Multispecies Catch Report v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Depending upon where you declare to fish and any sector exemption requirements, you may be required to submit this report as follows:

(a) For daily reports, by 9AM the following day; or
(b) For a trip-level report, before crossing the VMS Demarcation Line.

If you are in a sector, contact your sector manager for assistance. Any vessel may contact: NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division (978-281-9315), NMFS VMS Team (978-281-9213 or nmfs.ole.ne@noaa.gov), or see 50 CFR Part 648 for specific reporting requirements.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 12345678
Note:	You are not required to enter a 'zero' in those species fields below in which no fish were kept.
3.	Date Fish Caught: Aug 18 2020

4. Report (lbs) kept by

Stat Area:	515	521		
Cod				
Yellowtail	500	100		
Pollock	300			
White Hake				
Winter Flounder		200		
Witch Flounder				
Haddock				
Redfish				
Plaice				
Halibut				
Non-groundfish	100	50		

5. If you declared a trip exemption or option in your Trip Start Hail that allows the use of smaller mesh and you intend to use smaller mesh immediately after sending this report, select this box: ☑

Multispecies Trip START Hail:

The trip start hail is required by NMFS only if a sector vessel intends to fish on a NMFS exemption or option approved for your sector.

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3.Select 'yes' if you will be taking a NMFS observer or at-sea monitor onboard this trip. Otherwise, select 'No'.

Steps 4 & 5. Click in the boxes by all appropriate exemptions and/or provisions to be fished under for this trip.

Steps 6 & 7. Enter the name of the city (characters A-Z only) and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Steps 8. Select the month, day, and year. Then, select the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock of your estimated return to port.

Multispecies Trip Start Hail v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report before you leave port on your groundfish trip as required by (a) or (b) below:

(a) When fishing under a NMFS-authorized sector exemption and/or option, or
(b) When required by your Sector Ops Plan

1. Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2. Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 1234567
3. Observer or ASM on board? Yes
4. Sector Exemption(s)/Option(s) to be fished under this trip (Note: select only those that apply):
   - ☑ Redfish Exemption
   - ☐ SNE Small Mesh Exemption
   - ☑ Extra-Large Mesh Gillnet in SNE and/or IGB Option
   - ☐ Other Exemption/Option(s) (When directed by NMFS)
5. Sector Ops Plan provisions to be fished under this trip (Note: select only those that apply):
   - ☑ Inshore Gulf of Maine
   - ☐ Other Provision (When directed by NMFS)
6. Landing Port City: Carls Country
7. Landing State: NC
8. Estimated Arrival Date: Aug 25 2020 20 : 25
9. Estimated Offload (Note: Provide only for trips < 6 hrs or if fishing within 6 hours of offload port):
10. Comments:

Step 9. See the 'Note' to determine if you must enter the estimated offload date/time.

If so, follow the same instructions as in Step 8 above.

Step 10. Optional field. NMFS may provide instructions for use from time-to-time.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Multispecies Trip END Hail:

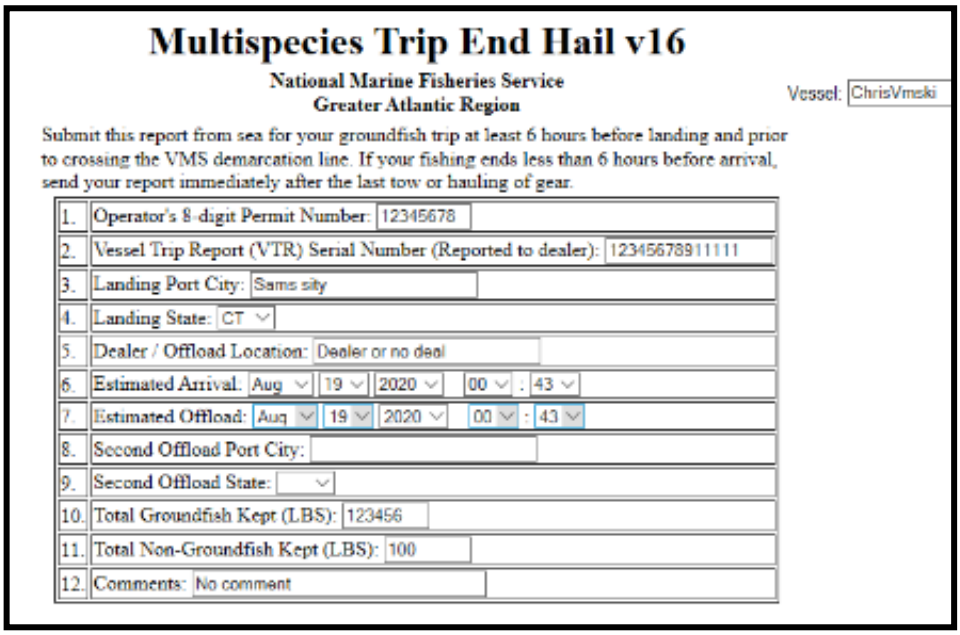
The trip end hail is required on all groundfish trips by sector and common pool vessels.

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Steps 3 & 4. Enter the name of the city (characters A-Z only) and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Step 5. Enter the dealer or offload location (up to 25 alphanumeric characters).



Multispecies Trip End Hail v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea for your groundfish trip at least 6 hours before landing and prior to crossing the VMS demarcation line. If your fishing ends less than 6 hours before arrival, send your report immediately after the last tow or hauling of gear.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 12345678911111
3.	Landing Port City: Sams city
4.	Landing State: CT
5.	Dealer / Offload Location: Dealer or no deal
6.	Estimated Arrival: Aug 19 2020 00 : 43
7.	Estimated Offload: Aug 19 2020 00 : 43
8.	Second Offload Port City:
9.	Second Offload State:
10.	Total Groundfish Kept (LBS): 123456
11.	Total Non-Groundfish Kept (LBS): 100
12.	Comments: No comment

Steps 6 & 7. For your estimated arrival and offload date and time, select the month, day, and year. Then, select the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock

Steps 8 & 9. Complete only if you will also offload additional product at another port.

Steps 10 & 11. Enter the total amount of groundfish kept and non-groundfish kept in pounds.

Step 12. Optional field. NMFS may provide instructions for use from time-to-time.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

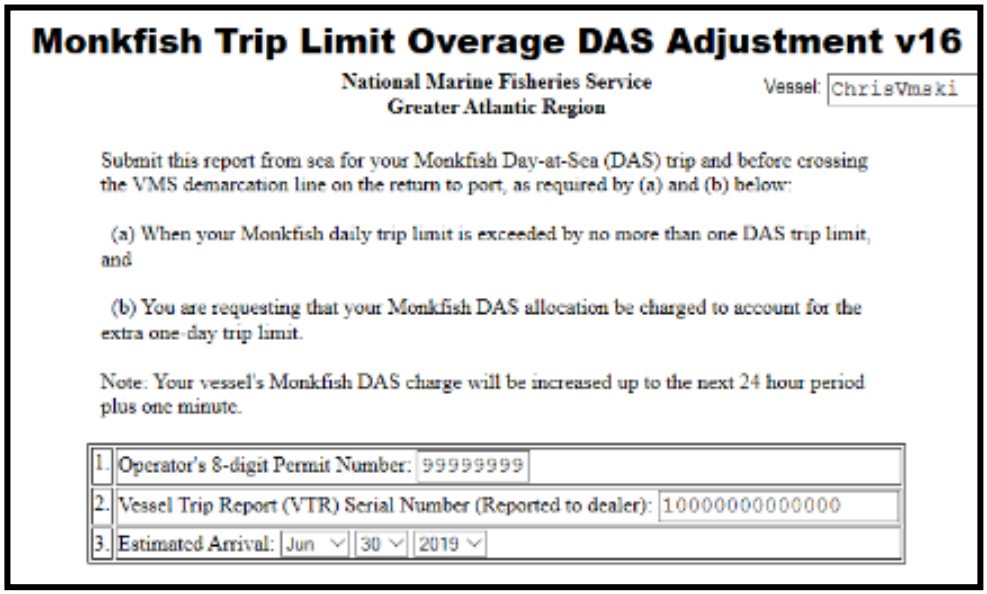
Monkfish Trip Limit Overage Days at Sea Adjustment:

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day and year of your estimated return to port.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



Monkfish Trip Limit Overage DAS Adjustment v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea for your Monkfish Day-at-Sea (DAS) trip and before crossing the VMS demarcation line on the return to port, as required by (a) and (b) below:

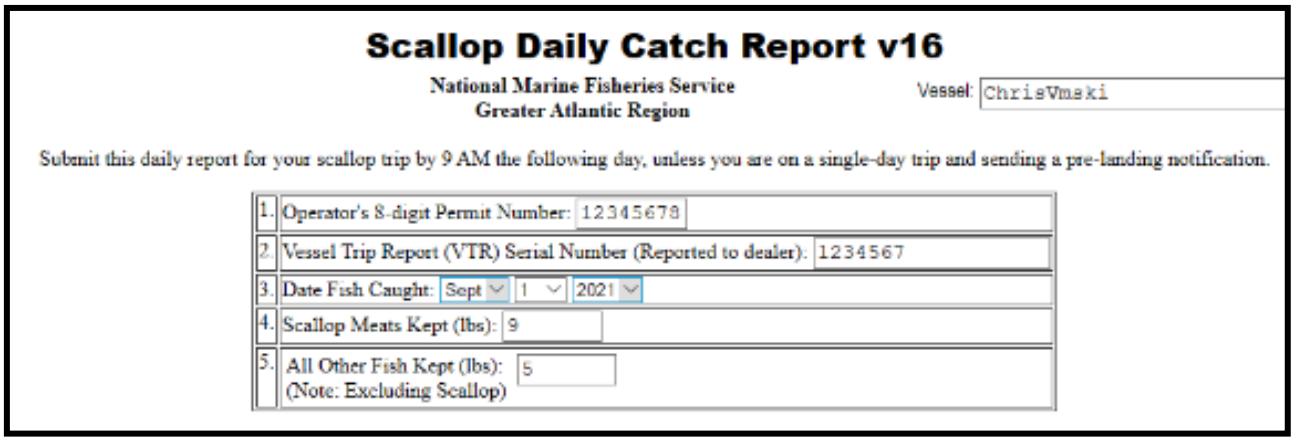
(a) When your Monkfish daily trip limit is exceeded by no more than one DAS trip limit, and

(b) You are requesting that your Monkfish DAS allocation be charged to account for the extra one-day trip limit.

Note: Your vessel's Monkfish DAS charge will be increased up to the next 24 hour period plus one minute.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 99999999
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 10000000000000
3.	Estimated Arrival: Jun 30 2019

Scallop Daily Catch Report:



Scallop Daily Catch Report v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this daily report for your scallop trip by 9 AM the following day, unless you are on a single-day trip and sending a pre-landing notification.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 1234567
3.	Date Fish Caught: Sept 1 2021
4.	Scallop Meats Kept (lbs): 9
5.	All Other Fish Kept (lbs): 5 (Note: Excluding Scallop)

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day and year of the reported catch.

Step 4. Enter only scallop meats kept in pounds (up to 6 digits).

Step 5. Enter 'ALL Other Fish Kept' (excluding scallops) in pounds (up to 6 digits).

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Scallop Pre-Landing Notification:

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Select 'Yes' only if you need to make a correction to a report that you had previously sent, and also enter the date of that report in 2-digit month, day and year.

Otherwise, select 'No' and leave the prior report date field blank.

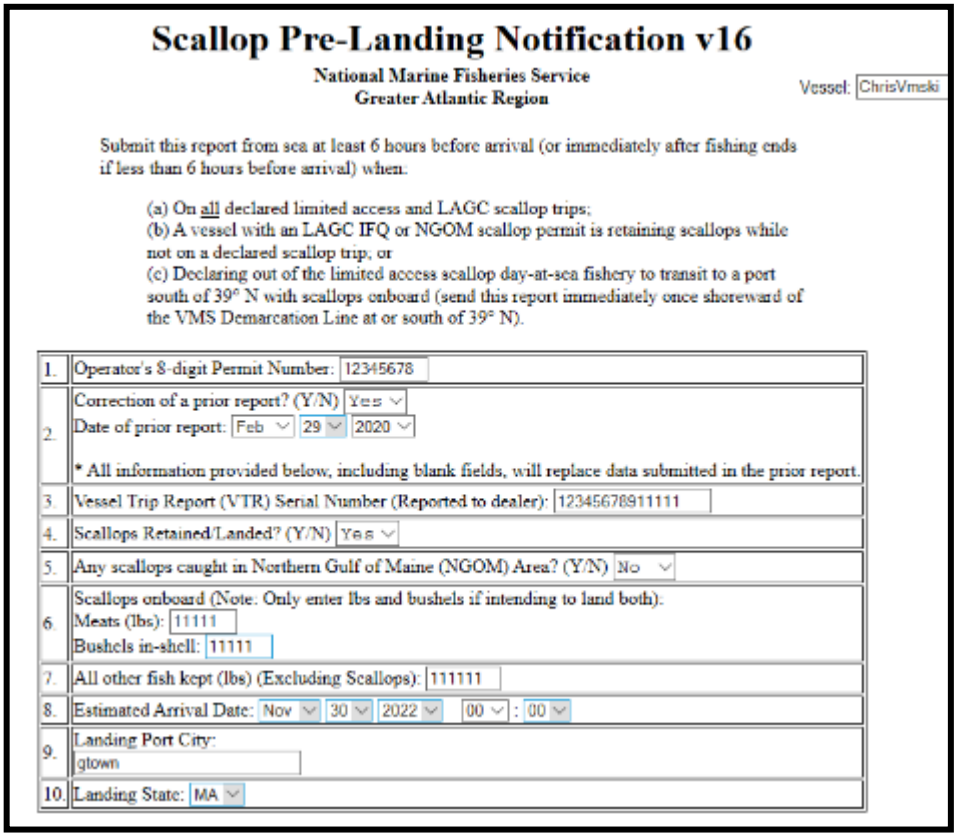
Step 3. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 4. Select 'Yes' if you intend to land any scallops, and then complete steps 5-10.

Otherwise, select 'No', and then send the form.

Step 5. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether any scallops to be landed were harvested from the Northern Gulf of Maine Management Area.

Step 6. If only landing meats, enter the estimated weight in pounds in that field only. If only landing bushels in-shell, enter the estimated number of bushels in that field only. If landing both meats and bushels, enter the estimated weight and bushel count in each field.



Scallop Pre-Landing Notification v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea at least 6 hours before arrival (or immediately after fishing ends if less than 6 hours before arrival) when:

(a) On all declared limited access and LAGC scallop trips;
(b) A vessel with an LAGC IFQ or NGOM scallop permit is retaining scallops while not on a declared scallop trip; or
(c) Declaring out of the limited access scallop day-at-sea fishery to transit to a port south of 39° N with scallops onboard (send this report immediately once shoreward of the VMS Demarcation Line at or south of 39° N).

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2.	Correction of a prior report? (Y/N) Yes Date of prior report: Feb 29 2020 * All information provided below, including blank fields, will replace data submitted in the prior report.
3.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 12345678911111
4.	Scallops Retained/Landed? (Y/N) Yes
5.	Any scallops caught in Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Area? (Y/N) No
6.	Scallops onboard (Note: Only enter lbs and bushels if intending to land both): Meats (lbs): 11111 Bushels in-shell: 11111
7.	All other fish kept (lbs) (Excluding Scallops): 111111
8.	Estimated Arrival Date: Nov 30 2022 00 : 00
9.	Landing Port City: gtown
10.	Landing State: MA

Step 7. Enter 'All Other Fish Kept' (excluding scallops) in pounds. Enter up to 6 digits.

Step 8. Select the 2-digit month, day, and year, and then select the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock of your estimated return to port.

Steps 9 & 10. Enter the name of the city (characters A-Z only) and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Herring Daily Catch Report:

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

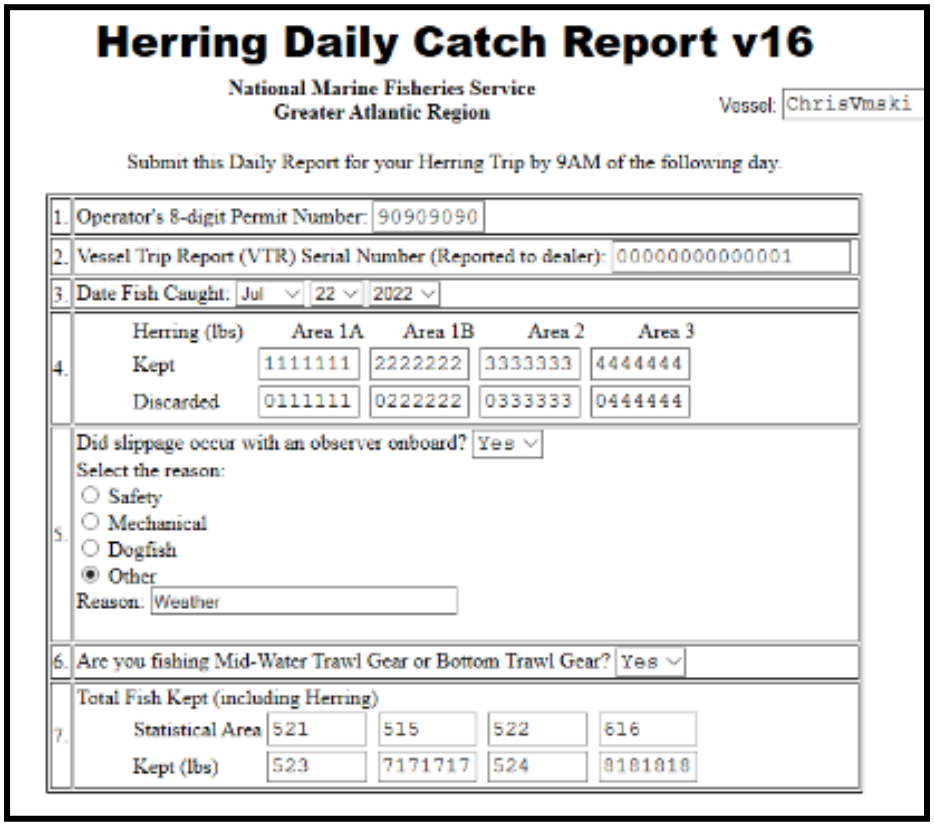
Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day and year of the reported catch.

Step 4. You must fill in both 'kept' and 'discarded' in pounds for at least one of the areas. Enter up to 7 digits in each field, as appropriate.

Step 5. Answer this question only if an observer is onboard. Select 'Yes' if you had a slippage event for this reported period and also select the reason. If you select 'Other', briefly provide the reason. Otherwise, select 'No' if no slippage event occurred.

Step 6. If you are using mid-water or bottom trawl gear, select 'Yes'. Otherwise, select 'No' and then send the message.



Herring Daily Catch Report v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this Daily Report for your Herring Trip by 9AM of the following day.

1. Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 90909090
2. Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 00000000000001
3. Date Fish Caught: Jul 22 2022
4.

Herring (lbs)	Area 1A	Area 1B	Area 2	Area 3
Kept	1111111	2222222	3333333	4444444
Discarded	0111111	0222222	0333333	0444444

5. Did slippage occur with an observer onboard? Yes
Select the reason:
- ○ Safety
- ○ Mechanical
- ○ Dogfish
- ◉ Other

Reason: Weather

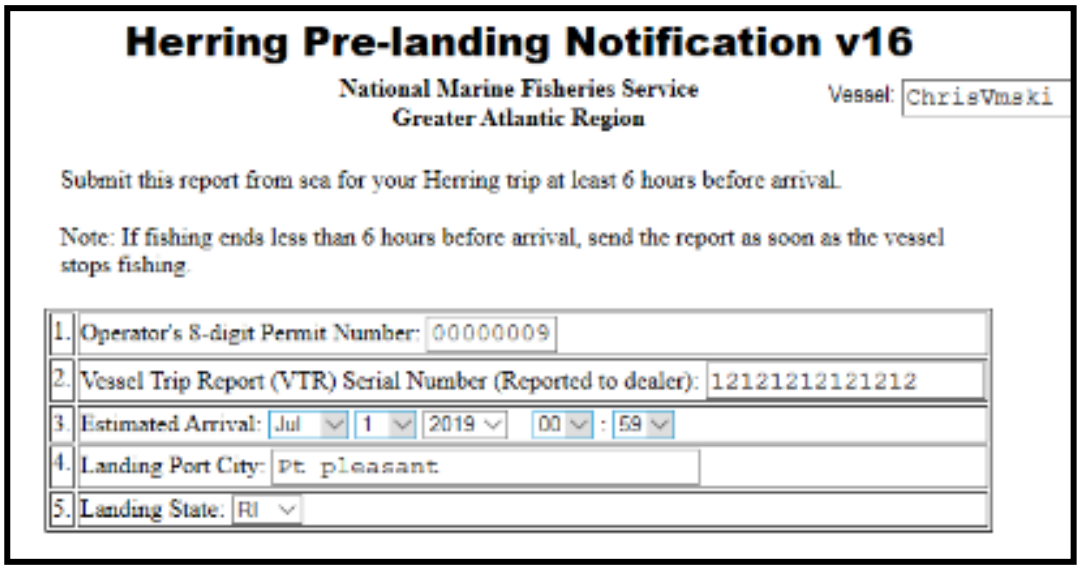
6. Are you fishing Mid-Water Trawl Gear or Bottom Trawl Gear? Yes
7. Total Fish Kept (including Herring)

Statistical Area	521	515	522	616
Kept (lbs)	523	7171717	524	8181818

Step 7. Only if you answered 'yes' to the previous question, enter the 3-digit statistical area(s) and associated amount of total fish kept in pounds (up to 7 digits).

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Herring Pre-Landing Notification:



Herring Pre-landing Notification v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea for your Herring trip at least 6 hours before arrival.

Note: If fishing ends less than 6 hours before arrival, send the report as soon as the vessel stops fishing.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number:	00000009
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer):	12121212121212
3.	Estimated Arrival:	Jul 1 2019 00 : 59
4.	Landing Port City:	Pt. pleasant
5.	Landing State:	RI

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day, and year, and then the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock of your estimated return to port.

Steps 4 & 5. Enter the name of the city (characters A-Z only) and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

Mackerel and Squid Daily Catch Report:

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

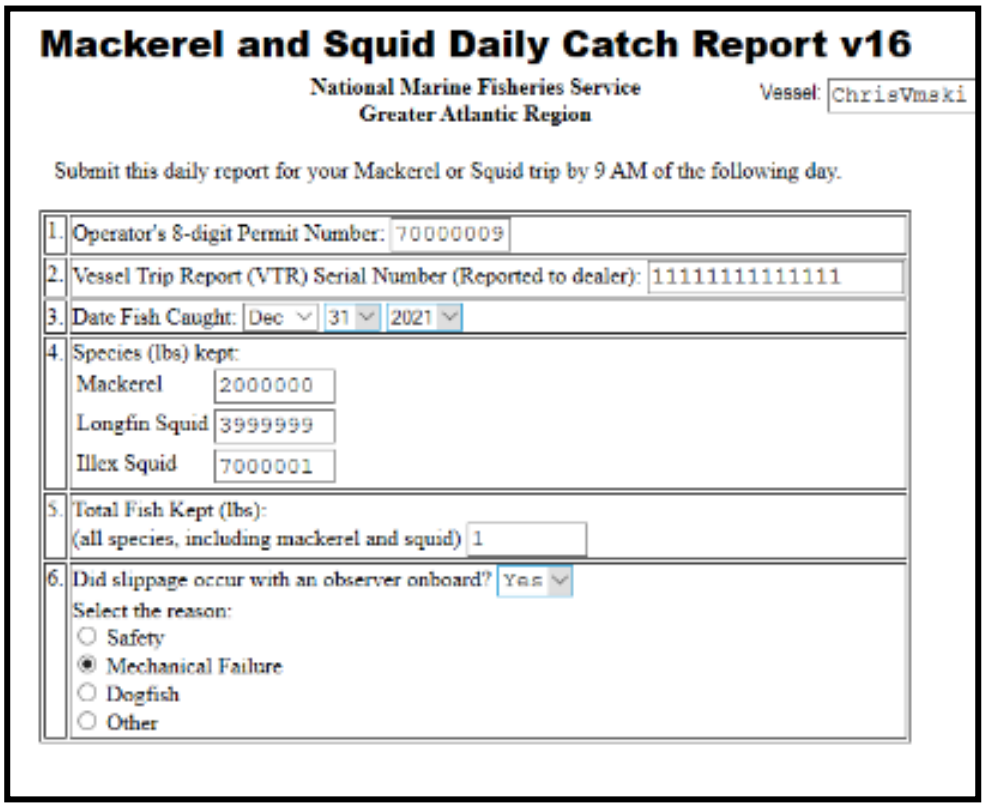
Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day and year of the reported catch.

Step 4. Enter the estimated weight in pounds of mackerel and/or squid kept for that day (up to 6 digits). You must complete at least one of the 3 fields.

Step 5. Enter the estimated weight of all product kept in pounds for that day.

Step 6. Answer this question only if an observer is onboard. Select 'Yes' if you had a slippage event for this reported period and also select the reason. If you select 'Other', briefly provide the reason. Otherwise, select 'No' if no slippage event occurred.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.



Mackerel and Squid Daily Catch Report v16

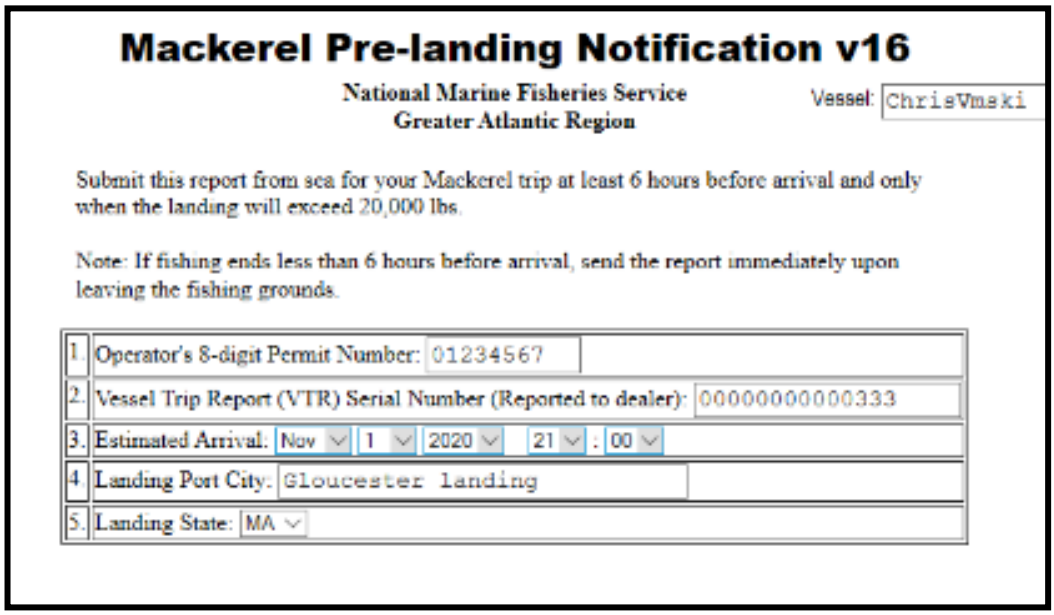
National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this daily report for your Mackerel or Squid trip by 9 AM of the following day.

1. Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 70000009
2. Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 11111111111111
3. Date Fish Caught: Dec 31 2021
4. Species (lbs) kept:
   - Mackerel 2000000
   - Longfin Squid 3999999
   - Illex Squid 7000001
5. Total Fish Kept (lbs): (all species, including mackerel and squid) 1
6. Did slippage occur with an observer onboard? Yes
   Select the reason:
   - ○ Safety
   - ◉ Mechanical Failure
   - ○ Dogfish
   - ○ Other

Mackerel Pre-Landing Notification:



Mackerel Pre-landing Notification v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea for your Mackerel trip at least 6 hours before arrival and only when the landing will exceed 20,000 lbs.

Note: If fishing ends less than 6 hours before arrival, send the report immediately upon leaving the fishing grounds.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 01234567
2.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 00000000000333
3.	Estimated Arrival: Nov 1 2020 21 : 00
4.	Landing Port City: Gloucester landing
5.	Landing State: MA

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

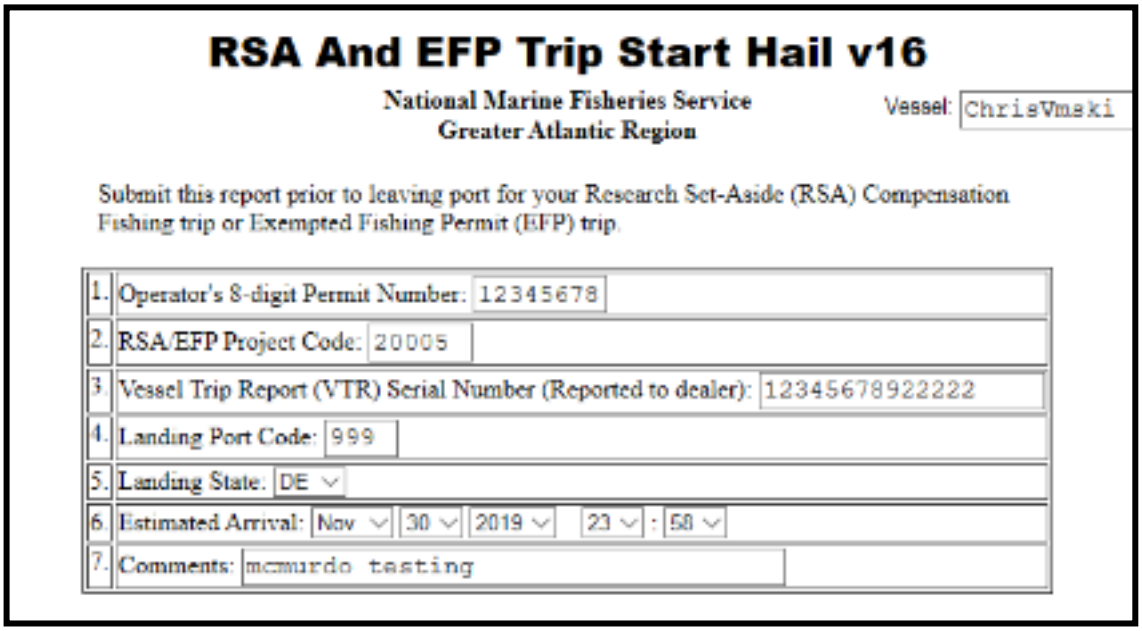
Step 2. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Step 3. Select the 2-digit month, day, and year, and then the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock of your estimated return to port.

Steps 4 & 5. Enter the name of the city (characters A-Z only) and enter the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

RSA and EFP Trip START Hail:



RSA And EFP Trip Start Hail v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report prior to leaving port for your Research Set-Aside (RSA) Compensation Fishing trip or Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) trip.

1.	Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2.	RSA/EFP Project Code: 20005
3.	Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 12345678922222
4.	Landing Port Code: 999
5.	Landing State: DE
6.	Estimated Arrival: Nov 30 2019 23 : 58
7.	Comments: mcmurdo testing

The specific reporting requirements will be stated in the NMFS permit that authorizes the compensation fishing or experimental fishing activity.

Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter the 4 or 5-digit project code from your permit.

Step 3. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Steps 4 & 5. Enter the 3-digit IVR port code and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.

Step 6. Enter the 2-digit month, day, and year, and then the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock of your estimated return to port.

Step 7. Optional field. NMFS may provide instructions for use from time-to-time.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

RSA and EFP Trip END Hail:

The specific reporting requirements will be stated in the NMFS permit that authorizes the compensation fishing or experimental fishing activity.

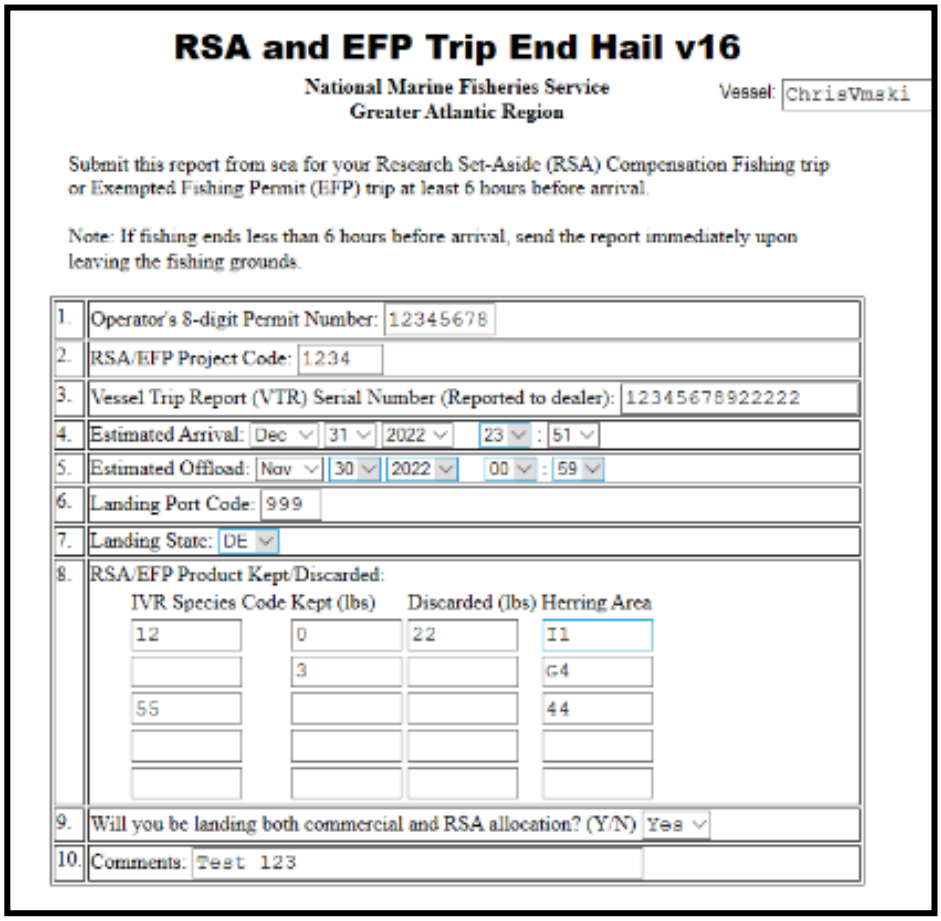
Step 1. Enter your 8-digit operator permit number.

Step 2. Enter the 4 or 5-digit project code from your permit.

Step 3. Enter your 7 or 8-digit VTR, or 14-digit e-VTR number.

Steps 4 & 5. For your estimated arrival and offload date and time, select the 2-digit month, day, and year, and then the 2-digit hour and minute in 24-hour clock.

Steps 6 & 7. Enter the 3-digit IVR port code and select the 2-character state (postal abbreviation) where the catch will be landed.



RSA and EFP Trip End Hail v16

National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel: ChrisVmski

Submit this report from sea for your Research Set-Aside (RSA) Compensation Fishing trip or Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) trip at least 6 hours before arrival.

Note: If fishing ends less than 6 hours before arrival, send the report immediately upon leaving the fishing grounds.

1. Operator's 8-digit Permit Number: 12345678
2. RSA/EFP Project Code: 1234
3. Vessel Trip Report (VTR) Serial Number (Reported to dealer): 12345678922222
4. Estimated Arrival: Dec 31 2022 23 : 51
5. Estimated Offload: Nov 30 2022 00 : 59
6. Landing Port Code: 999
7. Landing State: DE
8. RSA/EFP Product Kept/Discarded:

IVR Species Code	Kept (lbs)	Discarded (lbs)	Herring Area
12	0	22	I1
	3		G4
55			44

9. Will you be landing both commercial and RSA allocation? (Y/N) Yes
10. Comments: Test 123

Step 8. Enter the 2-digit IVR species code. To the right of each code, enter the estimated weight of the species kept and discarded in pounds, and, if applicable, the associated herring area (1A, 1B, 2 or 3).

Step 9. Select 'Yes' only if you intend to land both your commercial and your RSA allocation.

Otherwise, select 'No'.

Step 10. Optional field. NMFS may provide instructions for use from time-to-time.

Review your selections, and then hit 'Send' at the upper right of your screen.

ATTACHMENT 2

How to 'Confirm the Use of a Previous VMS Code'

Note: The information provided in this attachment is also available on the VMS web page.

Under U.S. Fisheries Law, vessel owner/operators are required to declare their activity for every trip prior to leaving port. In response to a New England Fishery Management Council request to ease the financial strain, time and technical burdens associated with declaring an activity through the VMS unit on each trip, NMFS has developed an alternative declaration method through the IVR system.

Who can use this method?

Vessel owner/operators who intend to fish a trip under the same VMS activity code that was last sent from the vessel's VMS unit and received by NMFS, have the option of notifying NMFS that they are confirming their previous VMS declaration by calling the IVR system.

Have the following information ready before calling:

- Your vessel's 6-digit federal permit number
- Your IVR PIN (same as your Fish On-Line PIN)(available from the GARFO Analysis & Program Support Division at 1-888-487-9994)
- Your 8-digit operator permit number
- Your most recent VMS activity code (format xxx-xxx-xxxxxx)

Instructions:

- Call the IVR system at 1-888-284-4904.
- At 'Main Menu', press 1 to "Report the start or end of a trip, declare a block, or confirm the use of a previous VMS code."
- At 'Fishing Activity Reporting', enter your vessel's 6-digit permit number and your IVR PIN.
- When prompted, record your name and operator permit number, then press the # key.
- When prompted, press 1 to confirm your name and operator number, or press 2 to re-record the information.
- When prompted, press 4 to "Confirm the use of a previous VMS code."
- The IVR will respond with either:

(1) "Your most recent VMS activity code is ( )." When prompted, press 1 to confirm the use of this code. The system will then provide you with a confirmation number which you should record and keep with you on your trip. However, if this is not the code you will use, when prompted, hang up and declare your trip through your VMS unit; or

(2) "Your most recent VMS activity code cannot be confirmed." When prompted, hang up and declare your trip through your VMS unit.

ATTACHMENT 2 (Cont'd)

How to 'Confirm the Use of a Previous VMS Code'

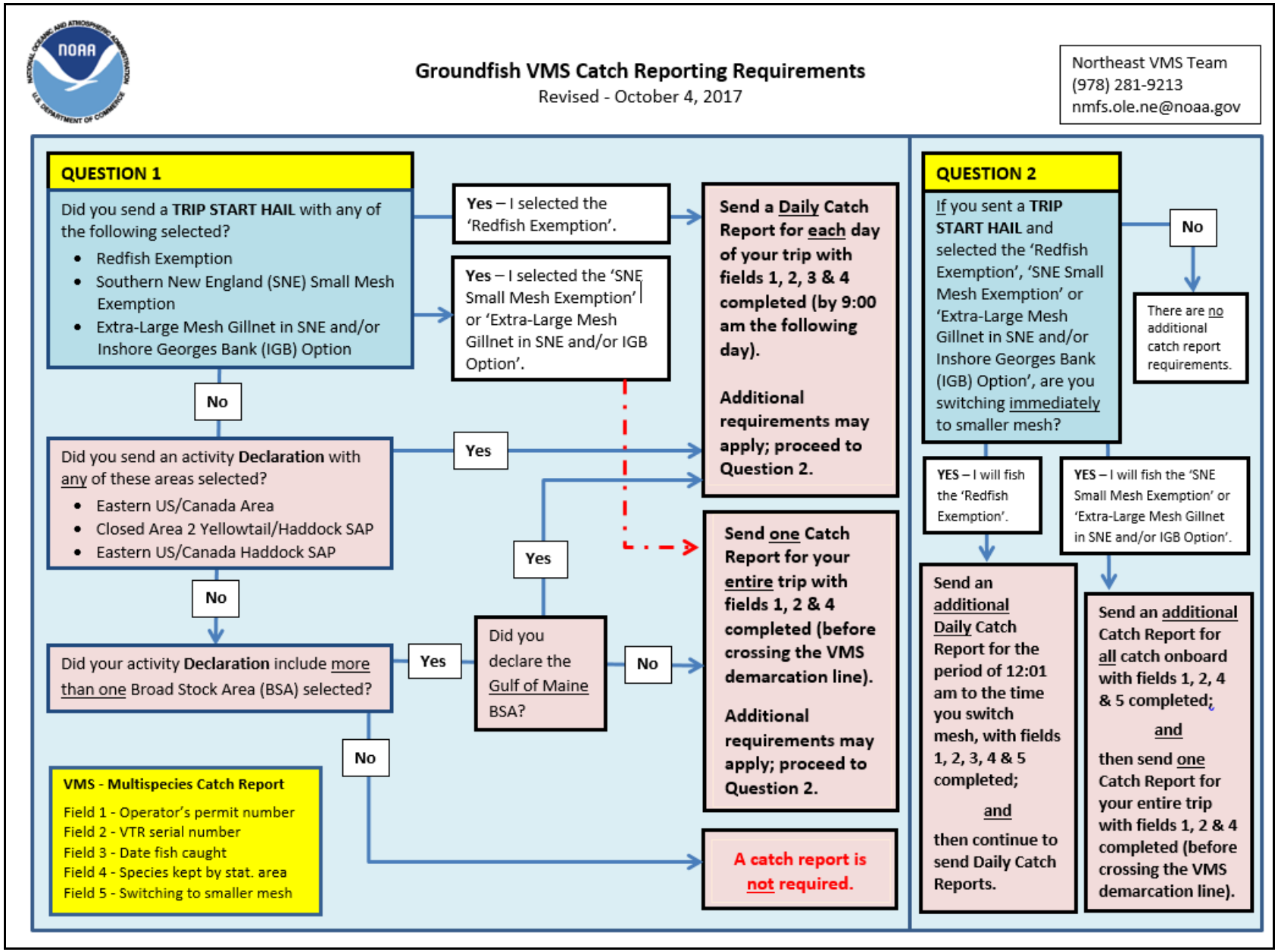
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All other VMS reporting requirements for your trip still apply.
- This alternative method of declaring a trip prior to leaving port is not to be used in lieu of an inoperative VMS unit. Your VMS unit must be fully functional.
- The IVR back-up message line should not be used if you are unable to use the main IVR system.
- The code reported to you by the IVR system is the most recent code sent from your vessel's VMS unit and received by NMFS. Therefore, your most recent code sent may be from your last trip or when in port after your last trip.
- If the IVR system is unable to confirm your VMS activity code, it is likely for one of the following reasons:

  (1) No code for your vessel could be retrieved;

  (2) Your last code was the power down code (PWD-PWD-XXXXXX);

  (3) Your last code was a Southeast Region code (for dual-reporting vessels); or

  (4) Your last code was a code that could only be declared when inside the NE Fishery.
- You will still receive an automated trip start and trip end message from NMFS through your VMS unit. Your trip will be recorded in NMFS' monitoring system with the code that you confirmed through the IVR system.

ATTACHMENT 3