



Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program

Tab F, No. 4



South Atlantic and GOM Permit Accounts as of June 15, 2021:

	Platform	Accounts	
South Atlantic	etrips	493	
	VESL	315	
	South Carolina (VESL)	144	
	Headboat (VESL)	64	Total 1,106
Gulf of Mexico	etrips	149	
	VESL	391	
	Headboat (VESL)	68	
	VMS	106	Total 804

South Atlantic and GOM Permit Accounts

- A large number of permit holders have yet to sign up to report:
 - March 2nd there were 996 accounts, June 15th there are 1,910.
 - Expect 20-30% permit latency rate.
 - Some fishermen are choosing to give up permit due to increased restrictions.
 - Some fishermen just don't know about regulations or are unsure how to comply.
- Permit holders out of compliance will not be able to renew their permit.
- Anticipate increased participation as permits come up for renewal.

Outreach Webinars

Past Webinars:

December – April Webinars: 490 attendees

May 18th: Monthly Evening Webinar (7 attendees)

June 15th: Monthly Evening Webinar (0 attendees)

June 18th: FWC Agents Webinar (10 attendees)

Upcoming Webinars:

July 13th: Monthly Evening Webinar Scheduled

July: SRFH System Training for OLE and Partners

Phase 2 VMS Webinars: TBA

Continued Outreach

June 3rd SEFHIER designated Fisheries Bulletin announcement sent.
Used for sending pertinent bulletins to program users.

June 4th Posted Reminder Fishery Bulletin about the Program.

June 9th Mailed Reminder Letter to All Permit Holders who have not set-up an account yet.

Drafting Multi-Permit Letter to be sent to GARFO Vessels.

eTrips and VESL have designed and sent notification to users when their application is updated.

VMS Update

VMS Type Approvals

Faria ETERM-C is the first Cellular Based VMS unit (Hybrid) to be approved for use in the federally permitted Gulf For-Hire Sector.

CLS NEMO hybrid unit is currently finishing up sea trials for approval.

Nautic Alert cellular unit currently undergoing sea trials for approval.

Type Approval Table Link: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/rules-and-regulations/approved-vessel-monitoring-system-vms-units-reporting-southeast-hire-electronic>.

Discussion Items

- Dual Permitted Vessels (Commercial and For-Hire) :
Must complete a commercial trip declaration when going on a For-Hire Trip.
NMFS is currently investigating how to streamline declarations for dually permitted vessels as the notifications serves different purposes in each sector.
- HMS caught species:
Using VESL app: still need to complete the HMS electronic logbook report . VESL is working to add HMS required questions.
Using eTrips/mobile app: App will prompt for HMS required questions.
- VMS Implementation Date.
- Equipment Failure Exemption (next staff presentation).

Resources

Electronic Reporting Phone Line:

1-833-707-1632

Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm M-F EST

Program email address:

ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov

Website

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/southeast-electronic-reporting-technologies>

Toolkit

<https://gulfcouncil.org/southeast-for-hire-electronic-reporting-program/>

What can you do now?

1

Select a [software](#) or [VMS](#) unit to use, create a user account, and install it.

3

Check that your landing location is [approved](#). If not, submit a landing location request [form](#) for approval.

2

Watch the [videos](#), read the [toolkits](#), and review the [website](#).

4

Begin reporting your declarations and trip reports.