

**Abbreviated Framework Amendment under the FMPs for the
Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Coastal
Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and
Atlantic Region - Modification of For-Hire Vessel Trip
Declaration Requirements**

Draft regulatory text

For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS proposes to amend 50 CFR part 622 as follows:

**PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF OF MEXICO, AND
SOUTH ATLANTIC**

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

2. In § 622.26, revise paragraph (b) (6) to read as follows:

§ 622.26 Recordkeeping and reporting.

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(b) * * *

(6) *Trip declaration requirements.* For purposes of this paragraph (b) (6), a trip begins anytime the vessel departs from a dock, berth, beach, seawall, or ramp, and terminates with return to a dock, berth, beach, seawall, or

ramp, regardless of the duration or purpose, including non-fishing activities. Prior to departure for each fishing trip, or any other trip carrying a passenger for hire as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued must notify NMFS and report the type of trip, the U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation number or state vessel registration number, and whether the vessel will be operating as a charter vessel or headboat, or is departing on another type of trip, such as a commercial trip. If the vessel will be operating as a charter vessel or headboat during the trip, the owner or operator must also report the expected trip completion date, time, and landing location.

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3. In § 622.374, revise paragraph (b) (6) to read as follows:

§ 622.374 Recordkeeping and reporting.

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(b) * * *

(6) *Trip declaration requirements in the Gulf.* For purposes of this paragraph (b) (6), a trip begins anytime the vessel departs from a dock, berth, beach, seawall, or ramp, and terminates with return to a dock, berth, beach,

seawall, or ramp, regardless of the duration or purpose, including non-fishing activities. Prior to departure for each fishing trip, or any other trip carrying a passenger for hire as defined in 46 U.S.C. 2101, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf coastal migratory pelagic fish has been issued must notify NMFS and report the type of trip, the U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation number or state vessel registration number, and whether the vessel will be operating as a charter vessel or headboat, or is departing on another type of trip, such as a commercial trip. If the vessel will be operating as a charter vessel or headboat during the trip, the owner or operator must also report the expected trip completion date, time, and landing location.

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