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SOUTHEAST REGION FEDERAL FOR-HIRE ELECTRONIC REPORTING OCTOBER UPDATE



Actions since the June meeting

- ❖ July 8th - Cellular Based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Final Rule published
- ❖ July 21st - Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Final Rule published
- ❖ July 21st - Office of Management and Budget approval of Data Collection (Paperwork Reduction Act [PRA])
- ❖ August 7th - South Atlantic Correction Notice published
- ❖ August 24th - Permit Holder Notification Letter to be mailed out

Actions since the June meeting

- ❖ September 21st – Nine Commercially approved VMS Units approved for the For-Hire Fishery
- ❖ October 19th – Intercept Survey PRA comment period ended
- ❖ October 28th – Intercept Survey PRA Supporting Statement completed
- ❖ October 28th – Educational Toolkit Reviewed

Phase 1 update

- ❖ Trip Declaration and Logbook reporting will be effective January 5, 2021 for Gulf Permitted Vessels, and January 4, 2021 for South Atlantic Vessels
 - Approval review of eTrips and VESL Software for use in For-Hire reporting is ongoing
 - Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has been provided technical specifications to see if Tails n Scales can be used for reporting



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Phase 2 update

- ❖ The implementation date for the VMS requirements will be announced at a later date
 - Cellular and Satellite VMS systems with and without reporting forms are currently being tested
 - Nine Commercial VMS units have been approved in the For-Hire Fishery

For more information, visit the Southeast Electronic Reporting & Technologies website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/southeast-electronic-reporting-technologies>



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Landing locations

- ❖ Approved landing locations will be posted to the Southeast Electronic Reporting and Technologies website shortly
- ❖ The landing location request form is posted to the Southeast Electronic Reporting and Technologies Website
- ❖ If a vessel landing location is already on the approved list, the permit holder will not need to complete and submit the application form for approval



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For-Hire Survey

- ❖ For-Hire Intercept Survey being developed
- ❖ Collaboration between SEFHIER team, Office of Science and Technology, Gulf States Commission is ongoing
- ❖ PRA public notice published on August 20th and has a 60-day comment period
- ❖ GULFIN award was expanded to include Southeast For Hire Electronic Reporting Survey
 - State Coordination
 - Gulf Survey expected to start early 2021



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Outreach and More Information

- ❖ Customer support
 - Phone line (833-707-1632) and email ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov
 - Website <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/southeast-electronic-reporting-technologies>
 - We are currently hiring 12 new staff and contractors for customer service, QA/QC, and VMS support
- ❖ Educational Toolkit will be mailed to all permit holders
- ❖ Planning outreach sessions
- ❖ Development of instructional videos



Questions?

