

Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic - Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Reef Fish Fishery, South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Fishery, Atlantic Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery, and Gulf and Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery

Draft regulatory text for proposed action - maintain the reporting requirements but require the fishers to transmit their reports electronically using available hardware and software. Information to be reported is indicated on the electronic form and its accompanying instructions.

§ 622.26 Recordkeeping and reporting.

(a) *Commercial vessel owners and operators.* (1) The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued, as required under § 622.20(a)(1) must submit an electronic fishing record for each trip, and if selected by the SRD must submit supplemental electronic discard and economic records. The electronic fishing records must be submitted via NMFS-approved software as posted on the NMFS Southeast Region website. These completed fishing records must be submitted no later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted no later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

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(3) *Catastrophic conditions.* During catastrophic conditions only, NMFS may modify or waive reporting time requirements. The RA will determine when catastrophic conditions exist, the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and which participants or geographic areas are deemed affected by the catastrophic conditions. The RA will provide timely notice to affected

participants via publication of notification in the Federal Register, and other appropriate means such as fishery bulletins. The RA has the authority to modify or waive reporting time requirements for the affected participants for the duration of the catastrophic conditions.

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§ 622.176 Recordkeeping and reporting.

(a) *Commercial vessel owners and operators - (1) General reporting requirements.* The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper-grouper has been issued, as required under § 622.170(a)(1), must submit an electronic fishing record for each trip, and if selected by the SRD must submit supplemental electronic discard and economic records. The electronic fishing records must be submitted via NMFS-approved software as posted on the NMFS Southeast Region website within the time specified in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

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(4) *Reporting deadlines.* Completed fishing records required by this paragraph (a) must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

(5) *Catastrophic conditions.* During catastrophic conditions only, NMFS may modify or waive reporting time requirements. The RA will determine when catastrophic conditions exist, the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and which participants or geographic areas are deemed affected by the catastrophic conditions. The RA will provide timely notice to affected participants via publication of notification in the Federal Register, and other appropriate means

such as fishery bulletins. The RA has the authority to modify or waive reporting time requirements for the affected participants for the duration of the catastrophic conditions.

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§ 622.271 Recordkeeping and reporting.

(a) *Commercial vessel owners and operators - (1) Reporting requirement.* The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for Atlantic dolphin and wahoo has been issued, as required under § 622.270(a)(1), must submit an electronic fishing record for each trip, and if selected by the SRD must submit supplemental electronic discard and economic records. The electronic fishing records must be submitted via NMFS-approved software as posted on the NMFS Southeast Region website within the time as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(2) *Reporting deadlines.* Completed fishing records required by paragraph (a)(1) of this section must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

(3) *Catastrophic conditions.* During catastrophic conditions only, NMFS may modify or waive reporting time requirements. The RA will determine when catastrophic conditions exist, the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and which participants or geographic areas are deemed affected by the catastrophic conditions. The RA will provide timely notice to affected participants via publication of notification in the Federal Register, and other appropriate means such as fishery bulletins. The RA has the authority to modify or waive reporting time requirements for the affected participants for the duration of the catastrophic conditions.

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§ 622.374 Recordkeeping and reporting.

(a) *Commercial vessel owners and operators.* (1) The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for king or Spanish mackerel has been issued, as required under § 622.370(a)(1) or (3), respectively, must submit an electronic fishing record for each trip, and if selected by the SRD must submit supplemental electronic discard and economic records. The electronic fishing records must be submitted via NMFS-approved software as posted on the NMFS Southeast Region website. These completed fishing records must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, a report so stating must be submitted not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

(2) *Catastrophic conditions.* During catastrophic conditions only, NMFS may modify or waive reporting time requirements. The RA will determine when catastrophic conditions exist, the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and which participants or geographic areas are deemed affected by the catastrophic conditions. The RA will provide timely notice to affected participants via publication of notification in the Federal Register, and other appropriate means such as fishery bulletins. The RA has the authority to modify or waive reporting time requirements for the affected participants for the duration of the catastrophic conditions.

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