



# 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	<b>Total 1,106</b>
Gulf of Mexico	etrips	149	
	VESL	391	
	Headboat (VESL)	68	
	VMS	106	<b>Total 804</b>

## South Atlantic and GOM Permit Accounts

- A large number of permit holders have yet to sign up to report:
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup> there were 996 accounts, June 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Evening Webinar (7 attendees)

June 15<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Evening Webinar (0 attendees)

June 18<sup>th</sup>: FWC Agents Webinar (10 attendees)

## **Upcoming Webinars:**

July 13<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Evening Webinar Scheduled

July: SRFH System Training for OLE and Partners

Phase 2 VMS Webinars: TBA

# Continued Outreach

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

June 4<sup>th</sup> Posted Reminder Fishery Bulletin about the Program.

June 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.