



Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Program



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of Gulf & South Atlantic SEFHIER Permit Accounts as of Dec. 13th

Reporting Platform	Gulf Permit Accounts (change since 10/21)	S. Atl. Permit Accounts (change since 10/21)	Gulf/S. Atl. Dual Permitted Accounts
eTrips	181 (+4)	653 (+23)	80 (+3)
VESL	533 (+12)	525 (+18)	155 (+40)
Headboat (VESL)	68 (+0)	64 (+0)	_____
VMS	160 (+32)	_____	_____
South Carolina (VESL)	_____	144 (+0)	_____
Total	942 (+48) *500 have yet to register	1,386 (+41) *887 have yet to register	235 (+43) *170 have yet to register



Continued Outreach

- A year end SEFHIER Fishery Bulletin went out December 17th
- Updated Gulf and South Atlantic [SEFHIER program toolkits](#) sent to Gulf Council staff for printing/distribution
- Official NOAA permit requirement letter drafted for Validation Surveyors to hand out in the field
- Regular updates to our SEFHIER website:
<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/recreational-fishing/frequently-asked-questions-southeast-hire-integrated-electronic>



VMS Update

cVMS (cellular-based VMS) Type Approvals for Gulf For-Hire

1. Faria ETERM-C *(not approved for Commercial; has forms)
2. CLS NEMO *(not approved for Commercial; no forms – app required)
3. Nautic Alert Insight X3 *(approved for Commercial; no forms – app required)

❖ VMS requirement effective March 1st

Link to all type-approved VMS Units:

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



General Discussion Items

- HMS caught species
 - Using VESL app, still need to complete the HMS reports (refer to: www.hmspermits.noaa.gov)
 - Whereas the eTrips mobile2 prompts for HMS required questions
- Dually permitted vessels (Commercial Reef Fish & For-Hire)
 - Must complete both a commercial reef fish and for-hire trip declaration when going on a for-hire trip
 - NMFS is investigating how to streamline for these dually permitted vessels
 - These notifications serve different purposes for each sector, and have different regulatory text
- Gulf's SEFHIER Validation Survey live (since October, 2022)
 - Participation is required by your limited access reef fish permit



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- Council staff assisting with outreach
- ❖ **Special thanks to our For-Hire constituents!**

