

For the reasons stated 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 § 622.51, revise paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

**§ 622.51 Recordkeeping and reporting.**

(a) \* \* \*

(2) *Electronic logbook reporting.* The owner or operator of a vessel for which a Federal commercial vessel permit for Gulf shrimp has been issued and who is selected by NMFS must participate in the electronic logbook reporting program. The owner or operator must install NMFS-approved hardware and software that archives the position of the vessel while on a shrimp fishing trip in the Gulf. Such hardware must transmit automatically all archived data via cellular service. In addition, such owner or operator must provide information regarding the size and number of shrimp trawls deployed, and the type of bycatch reduction device (BRD) and turtle excluder device used. Compliance with the reporting requirements of this paragraph (a)(2) is required for permit renewal.

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**Commented [ 1]:** Draft regulatory text reflects action 1, alternative 3.