

Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Program



**NOTICE: Revised Gulf of Mexico
Federal For-Hire VMS Requirements**



The effective date of the requirement for vessels with Gulf of Mexico federal charter/headboat permits to have a vessel monitoring system (VMS) has been delayed until **March 1, 2022**. NOAA Fisheries delayed implementation of the Gulf VMS requirement to allow time for NOAA Fisheries to finish testing a third cellular VMS unit, ensure vessels are equipped with these units before the spring break season in 2022, and provide additional time for litigation to progress.

A list of approved VMS units can be found on our SEFHIER website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/recreational-fishing-data/southeast-hire-integrated-electronic-reporting-program>.

Reimbursement is available to vessels that install approved VMS units. More information on the NOAA Fisheries VMS reimbursement program can be found at: <http://www.psmfc.org/program/vessel-monitoring-system-reimbursement-program-vms>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Program at **1-833-707-1632**.

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