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Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting Program

Background and Status

Benefits of Electronic Reporting

- First step to enhanced data collection in the South Atlantic
- Improve the timeliness of data collected from federally permitted for-hire vessels in the Atlantic.
- Make the reporting day for headboat vessels consistent with the charter vessels.
- Sampling versus Census:
 - Current MRIP survey intercepts $\leq 10\%$ trips
 - New program census of ALL charter trips

Southeast Electronic Reporting Program

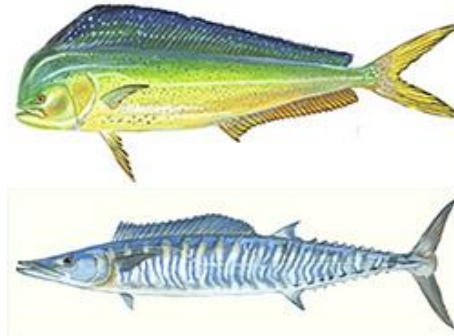
- South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendment to require weekly electronic reporting.
 - Amendment approved by the Secretary of Commerce: June 12, 2018
 - Proposed Rule published: April 4, 2018
 - Final Rule: under development
 - Goal Implementation Date: Fall 2019
- Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Amendment to require reporting before off-loading, hail-out and vessel monitoring (VMS or archival GPS)
 - Amendment approved by Secretary of Commerce: September 19, 2018
 - Proposed Rule published: October 26, 2018
 - Final Rule published: under development
 - Goal Implementation Date: Fall 2019

South Atlantic Electronic Reporting Program

SOUTH ATLANTIC
CHARTER/HEADBOAT
FOR SNAPPER-GROUPER
(SC)



ATLANTIC
CHARTER/HEADBOAT
FOR DOLPHIN/WAHOO
(CDW)



ATLANTIC
CHARTER/HEADBOAT
FOR COASTAL
MIGRATORY PELAGICS
(CHS)



Federally Permitted Charterboats in South Atlantic

- Submit electronic reports by Tuesday following the end of each reporting week.
- Submit electronic fishing reports using NOAA Fisheries approved hardware and software.
- Submit electronic fishing reports regardless of where fishing, including state waters



Data Elements: Trip Information

- Captain ID
- Vessel ID
- Start and end time of trip
- Start and end date of trip
- Location of fishing
- Start and end location (port)

These data elements identify the trip.

Data Elements: How fish are caught

- Gear used
- Minimum and maximum depths fished
- Target species



These data elements help estimate possible mortality if discarded.

Data Elements: Effort and Landings

- Number of crew
- Hours within the trip fished
- Number of anglers
- All species caught
- Number of species kept
- Number of each species released



These data elements help estimate total effort and landings.

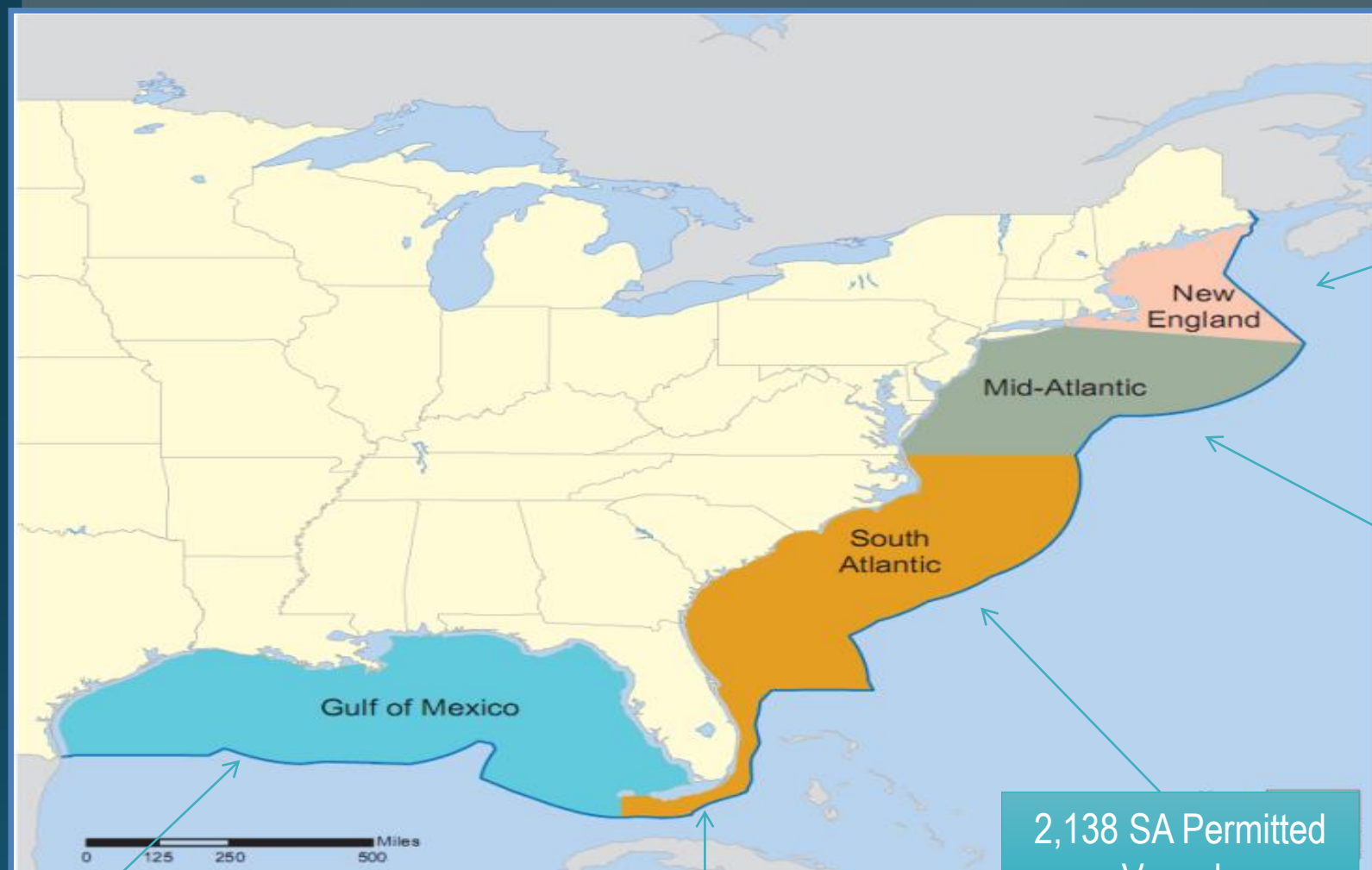
Data Elements: Economic data

- Fuel used
- Charter fee
- Cost of fuel (per gallon)



These data elements help estimate economic value of the fishery.

Federally For-Hire Permitted Vessels Affected



21 Dual
Permitted
GARFO &
SA Vessels

275 Dual
Permitted
MA & SA
Vessels

2,138 SA Permitted
Vessels
(~282,000 trips/year)

1,328 GOM Permitted
Vessels
(~128,000 trips/year)

373 Dual
Permitted
GOM & SA
Vessels

Multiple Region Permit Holders

- Will be required to report to the **more restrictive reporting program**, regardless of where fishing.
- Permit holders with permits both Gulf and South Atlantic permits will be required to comply with the Gulf regulations, even if fishing only occurs elsewhere.
- Gulf Requirements include:
 - Hail-Out
 - VMS or archival GPS, always on and transmitting
 - Reporting before off-loading

Multiple Permits: GARFO

- Requires vessel trip reports (VTRs) via eTrips or eLog
- Requires reporting for hire landings every 48 hours.
- Requires reporting of data elements that are different than the South Atlantic.

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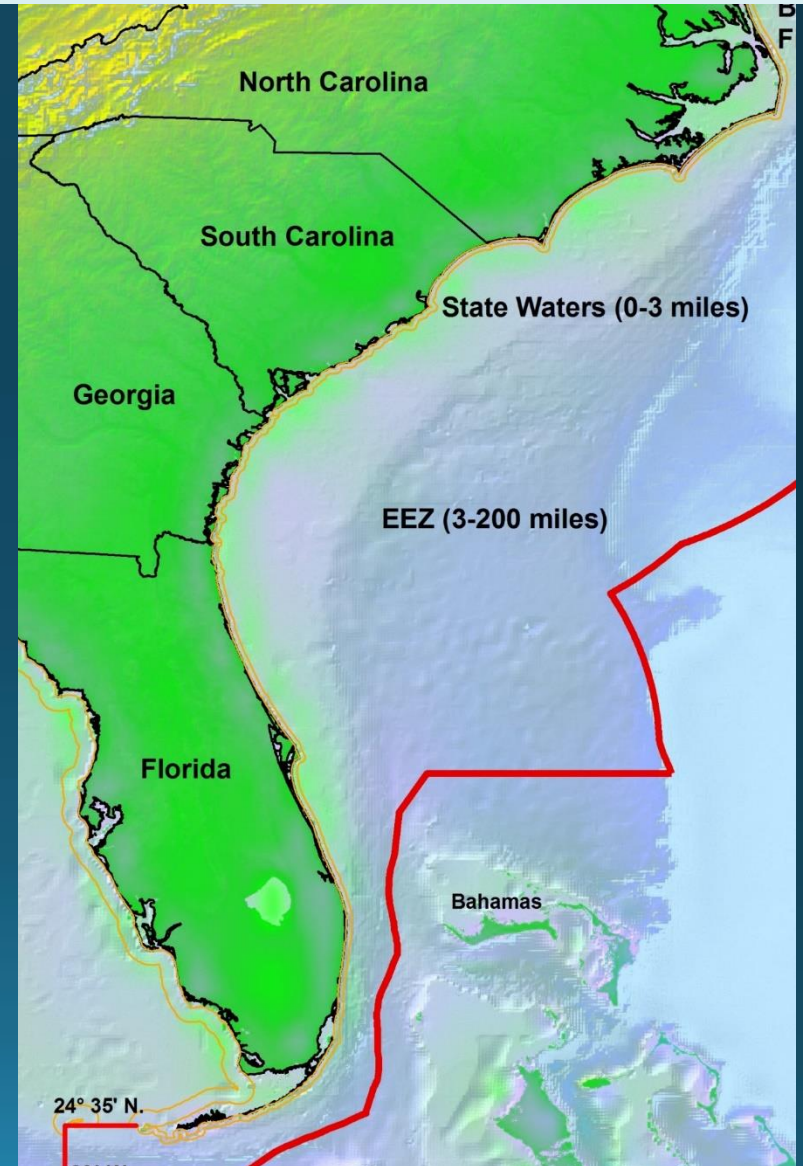
- Additional data elements that will need to be reported to comply with South Atlantic permit requirements:
 - Permit type (self populated field once the accounts are established)
 - USCG Vessel ID (self populated field once the accounts are established)
 - Vessel Length (self populated field once the accounts are established)
 - Primary Target Species
 - Fishing Hours
 - Minimum Fishing Depth
 - Maximum Fishing Depth
 - Number of Passengers
 - Trip Fee
 - Fuel Use
 - Price of Fuel

Multiple Permits: GARFO

- For those with both South Atlantic and GARFO permits, a permit holder would need to report South Atlantic data elements at GARFO frequency.
- E-trips, a software program being tested for use in the program will show the South Atlantic data fields and those need to be reported every 48 hours.
- For those with Gulf of Mexico and GARFO permits, a permit holder would need to comply with Gulf of Mexico data elements, reporting periodicity, hail out, and GPS requirements

Resources

- In-person Trainings
- Webinars



Resources

NOAA Fisheries

www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/et

727-824-5305

SAFMC.net

Click “Electronic reporting projects”

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