

**Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Installation and Activation Certification
For the Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico**

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM BY
PROVIDING ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Fishing Vessel (F/V) Name: _____

Vessel state registration number or U.S. Coast Guard documentation number:

Installing marine electrician or dealer (name, address, and telephone number):

Date of Installation (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

VMS Mobile Transceiver Unit (MTU)

Manufacturer name: _____

Model: _____

Manufacturer serial number (S/N): _____

Communication network serial number (ISN): _____

VMS Mobile Communications Service Provider (MCSP)

Communications provider name: _____

Communications ID number assigned by service provider: _____

Did the manufacturer/vendor provide VMS MTU operating instructions? Yes No

Did the manufacturer/vendor provide training on the use of the VMS MTU? Yes No

Once the VMS MTU was installed, did the electrician/dealer, or the owner and/or operator of the vessel verify with NOAA OLE VMS Program personnel that position data was being received?
Yes No

In accordance with 50 C.F.R. §622.9(a)(2), as the owner or operator of a vessel participating in the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish fishery, I hereby certify that the VMS unit on my vessel has been installed and the communication services activated, and receipt of position data has been verified by NOAA OLE VMS Program personnel, in compliance with the applicable procedures of this installation and activation form.

Vessel owner name: _____

Vessel owner signature: _____ Date: _____

Vessel operator name: _____

Vessel operator signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this certification, when completed, to the NOAA/NMFS, Office of Law Enforcement, Headquarters VMS Program, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 890, Silver Spring, MD 20910, fax 301-427-0049.
For questions regarding VMS installation, contact the VMS Support Center, 1-888-219-9228.

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PL 104-13) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (PL 93-579), you are advised that disclosure of the requested information is mandatory for the purpose of managing the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish fishery. The requested information is used to ensure proper operation of the VMS unit. Confidentiality of the information provided will be treated in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. The public reporting burdens for this collection of information are estimated as follows 15 minutes for completion and submission of the statement certifying compliance with the installation and activation checklist. The estimates of public reporting burdens for these collections of information include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Written comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements, or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to Jason Rueter, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.