



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Tier 1 and 2 Atlantic Mackerel Permit Holders

More individuals and entities approved to complete vessel hold measurements and deadline to submit extended to December 31, 2013.

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We have expanded the list of individuals and entities approved to complete vessel hold capacity measurements for Tier 1 and 2 Atlantic mackerel permit holders. We have also extended the deadline to submit vessel hold capacity measurements from December 31, 2012, to December 31, 2013, or during a vessel replacement transaction, whichever comes first.

Vessels with Tier 1 and 2 mackerel permits must submit vessel hold capacity measurements completed by one of the following individuals or entities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual credentialed as a Certified Marine Surveyor with a fishing specialty by the National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An individual credentialed as an Accredited Marine Surveyor with a fishing specialty by the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees or agents of a classification society approved by the U.S. Coast Guard |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine State Sealer of Weights and Measures |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A professionally licensed and/or registered Marine Engineer |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Naval Architect with a professional engineer license. |

Vessel owners with Tier 1 and 2 mackerel permits should submit a letter accompanying the vessel hold capacity measurement verifying that the measurement was completed by one of the approved individuals or entities above. The hold capacity measurement must be in a unit of volume, such as hogsheads or cubic feet. This measurement will be used as a baseline for all future vessel replacements. The hold capacity measurement of the replacement vessel will be limited to no more than 10 percent above the baseline vessel measurement. If the units of measure differ between the baseline and the replacement vessel, accepted methods of unit conversion will be used.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Region.