



Northeast Region Bulletin

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Atlantic Herring Dealers and At-Sea Processors

Information on Reporting

Below is information related to reporting by seafood dealers and at-sea processing in the Atlantic herring fishery. This discusses reporting instructions and problems.

Dealer Reports
Submit electronically a dealer report for each transaction.
Submit reports electronically by midnight on Tuesday for the previous week’s transactions (Sun-Sat).
If no fish are purchased during a week, you should make a negative report.
For each vessel that harvested and landed fish, report the: vessel name, federal vessel permit number, and hull number (Coast Guard documentation or state registration number if the vessel does not have a Federal permit).
Accurately report the amount and units of measure (pounds or bushels) for purchase.
Report the price paid to the vessel in the units in which the amount was reported (price per pound or bushel) and the disposition of the fish (i.e. food, bait, animal food).

Instructions for Handling Haddock
If you cull or separate other fish from the herring catch, you must separate and retain all haddock offloaded from vessels that have: 1) an All Areas or Areas 2/3 herring permit or 2) any vessel with a herring permit that fished with midwater trawl gear in Herring Management Areas 1A, 1B, or 3.
- Haddock may not be sold, purchased, received, traded, bartered, or transferred for a commercial purpose, but should be retained after it has been separated from the herring, for at least 12 hours for dealers and processors on land, and for 12 hours after landing on shore by at-sea processors.
Haddock should be reported using the disposition code “no market”.
NOAA Fisheries law enforcement officials must be given access on business premises in order to inspect the haddock.

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.

Dealer Data Quality Issues

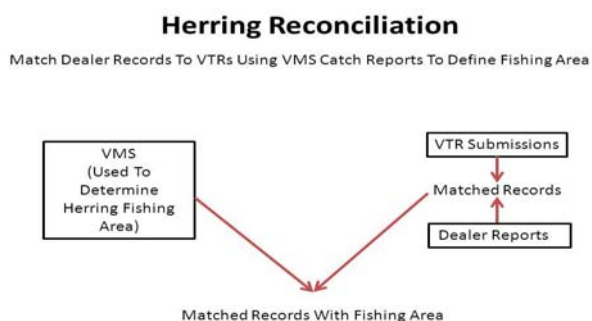
Many vessels have similar names, so please double check vessel name, permit number and hull number with the vessel operator to ensure you are reporting the correct vessel.

Report the vessel name, permit number, and VTR serial number for the trip from the vessel that harvested the fish.

- When a carrier is involved, report the harvesting vessel's information, not the carrier's. If the carrier has fish from multiple vessels each harvesting vessel should be reported separately.
- For pair trawl trips, report the information from the vessel or vessels that landed the fish.

Please double check weight units reported. Reporting the wrong unit could result in additional landings being counted and lead to premature closures of Herring Management Areas.

Complete, accurate and timely reporting is essential to monitoring this fishery. Information from dealers and vessels are used together to obtain a complete accounting of the landings. Missing or incorrect information, such as vessel identification or VTR serial number, may lead to landings being counted multiple times until the errors are corrected.



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