UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Southeast Fisheries Science Center 75 Virginia Beach Drive Miami, FL 33149

Current Electronic Reporting Instructions

Beginning March 1, 2011, dealers maintaining Federal permits in the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and/or South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper (excluding wreckfish) fisheries are required to report electronically. Reports may be transmitted in one of two ways:

- A.) STATE TRIP TICKET SOFTWARE the electronic submission of state trip tickets and 'No Purchase' reports on a bi-monthly basis through the *Bluefin Data LLC* program; or
- B.) SAFIS (Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System) the electronic submission of reports for dealers in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and the northeast region states through this program developed by the ACCSP (Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program).

Contact information for these methods is found below.

Quota monitoring reporting for Federal permit holders requires reports to be transmitted and received <u>prior</u> to <u>midnight 5 days following the end of any period</u> (periods defined as: the 1st to the 15th; and the 16th to the end of the month). "Transmitted" means sent from the Trip Ticket software or entered through SAFIS. If this is a shorter time frame than what is required by your state, please adjust your submission procedures.

Your continued participation in the monitoring of our nation's resources is appreciated.

Contact Information

<u>STATE TRIP TICKET SOFTWARE</u> - has been developed for most states along the Gulf of Mexico and the east coast by *Bluefin Data* LLC - <u>http://www.bluefindata.com/</u>. For questions relating to Bluefin Data software, please contact Claude Peterson via email, claude@bluefindata.com or at 225-744-0807.

Other software that has been approved for trip ticket electronic data submission by each state may meet these requirements pending approval by the SRD and the state.

SAFIS REPORTING

SAFIS, or the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System, is an electronic reporting system developed by the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), in conjunction with many state partners along the east coast.

This method is available to dealers in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Northeast Region states. For questions relating to the SAFIS software, please go to http://safis.accsp.org/ or your state trip ticket office for additional information (see below).

STATE PROGRAM CONTACTS

NC Division of Marine Fisheries: Alan Bianchi or Grace Kemp (252) 726-7021

SC Department of Natural Resources: Amy Dukes (843) 953-9365 GA Department of Natural Resources: Julie Califf (912) 264-7218 FL Fish and Wildlife Research Institute: Steve Brown (727) 896-8626 AL Marine Resources Division: Chris Denson (251) 968-7577

MS Department of Marine Resources: Christine Murrell (228) 523-4073

LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries: Vince Cefalu (225) 765-2376

TX Parks and Wildlife Department: Cindy Bohannon (281) 534-0117 or Justin Esslinger (361) 729-2328

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