



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Mr. Ron Lockerby, Director of Maritime Sales  
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Dear Mr. Lockerby:

This letter is to notify you that the Thrane & Thrane Sailor enhanced VMS (EVMS) unit, including model 3026D EGC/Distress System with model 3606XP Message Terminal, has been certified in the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Region for all fishery management plans requiring the use of an operational VMS unit. Those categories of vessels required to install an operational VMS unit in order to make required notifications are available in the Northeast Fishery Regulations at 50 CFR Part 648.10. These regulations may be accessed on the Northeast Regional Office website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/>.

I want to congratulate Thrane & Thrane, Inc., on the certification of the EVMS unit. We look forward to working with your staff to enhance monitoring and enforcement of Northeast regulations. The point of contact for VMS issues within the Northeast Region is Bill Semrau, VMS Program Manager, Office of Law Enforcement, at (978) 281-9151 (direct) or (978) 281-9213 (main office).

Sincerely,

*for* Patricia A. Kurkul

Regional Administrator