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Days-at-Sea (DAS) Credit Request Form

Please complete the back side of this form, including your signature, which verifies that you meet the requirements below. Submit this form and any supporting documentation to us at the address above or by fax at (978) 281-9135. If you have any questions, please contact us at (978) 281-9315.

I am requesting a DAS credit under one or more of the following circumstance and I meet all of the applicable requirements of the credit(s) I am requesting below:

Good Samaritan DAS Credit

- I spent time at sea assisting in a USCG search and rescue operation or assisting the USCG in towing a disabled vessel, and can document the occurrence through the USCG
- The vessel is a Northeast (NE) multispecies, monkfish, or Atlantic sea scallop DAS permitted vessel

Standing by entangled whales DAS credit

- I reported and stood by an entangled whale
- The vessel is a NE multispecies DAS permitted vessel
- I contacted the USCG and an authorized whale entanglement organization
- I was and remain available to answer questions on the condition of the animal, possible species identification, severity of entanglement, etc., and took photographs of the whale, if possible, regardless of the species of whale or whether the whale is alive or dead
- I remained on scene until the USCG or an authorized response team arrived, or it was determined that an authorized response team would not be able to arrive

Canceled trip DAS credit

- I canceled a fishing trip before setting or hauling any fishing gear
- The vessel is a NE multispecies, monkfish, or Atlantic sea scallop DAS permitted vessel
- No fishing gear was set or hauled and no fish were caught or landed at any time during the trip
- The vessel trip report (logbook or VTR) for the canceled trip is submitted with this form
- This form was submitted within 30 days of my return to port from the canceled trip
- In addition to submitting this form, I made an initial notification at sea as outlined below
 - I have a VMS onboard the vessel and sent a VMS email from sea to cancel the trip at the earliest opportunity prior to crossing the VMS demarcation line upon return to port, to NMFS.OLE.NE@NOAA.GOV with 'DAS CREDIT REQUEST – CANCELED TRIP' in the subject of the email. The email included at least the information in items 1–7 below.
 - I do not have a VMS onboard the vessel and I called the interactive voice response (IVR) backup line at (888) 487-9994. I called at sea at the time the trip was canceled, or at the earliest opportunity prior to landing and included at least the information in items 1–7 below.

Information that must be included for all VMS and IVR canceled trip DAS credit notifications:

1. Operator name
2. Vessel name
3. Vessel permit number
4. Port where vessel will return
5. Date trip started
6. Estimated date/time of return to port
7. Statement that no fish were caught, landed, or onboard and no fishing activity occurred

Note: For requests submitted near the end of a fishing year, if approved, your credit will apply to the fishing year in which the trip in question occurred. Credited DAS may be carried over to the next fishing year, not to exceed the maximum amount of carryover DAS specified for the given fishery. The maximum DAS permitted for carryover per fishery are as follows: Monkfish – 4 DAS; NE multispecies – 10 DAS; and Atlantic sea scallop – 10 DAS.

Information required for all DAS credit applications	
Owner name/corporation	
Vessel name	
Permit number	
USCG documentation or state registration number	
Vessel operator	
Trip departure date	
Trip landing date	
Fishery	

Additional information required if applying for a Good Samaritan DAS credit	
Date and time vessel ceased fishing	
Date and time vessel commenced fishing (after providing assistance)	
Vessel name, permit number, and USCG documentation number for assisted vessel	
Location of incident	

Additional information required if applying for a standing by entangled whale DAS credit	
Date of first communication with the USCG	
Date and time vessel began stand-by status	
Date and time vessel ended stand-by status	

Additional information required if applying for a canceled trip DAS credit	
Date and time VMS email was sent or IVR backup line was called	
Reason for ending trip	

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information that I have given in requesting this DAS credit is true and correct. OMB Control Number 0648-0202 Expires 07/31/16
 Name of Applicant (print clearly) _____
 Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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