



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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Northeast Multispecies Vessels

Extension of the Day-At-Sea Leasing Deadline

Lease Applications Accepted Through March 14, 2014

We are extending the deadline to submit a day-at-sea (DAS) lease application from March 1, 2014, to March 14, 2014, to allow permit holders more flexibility with DAS leasing. All DAS lease applications (paper and electronic) must be received by the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) (formerly, Northeast Regional Office) by the close of business on Friday, March 14, 2014. Permit holders are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible to facilitate timely processing as leased DAS may only be used after a lease is processed.

Vessel Trip Report Compliance:

Vessel owners must be in compliance with their vessel trip reports (VTRs) in order to be eligible to lease DAS. If a lease is rejected, the lease request is automatically denied and a new request must be submitted before the March 14, 2014 deadline. Your VTR compliance status can be found on your Fish-On-Line account, under the Reports section, or you can contact us at (978) 281-9246.

DAS Leasing Through “Fish-On-Line”

You can submit and process DAS lease applications through the internet by accessing Fish-On-Line at: <https://www.nero.noaa.gov/NMFSlogin/>. This website requires that you enter your vessel permit number and a unique Fish-On-Line PIN. To request your PIN, or for assistance accessing this website, call us at (978) 281-9133. Once logged in:

1. Click on “Day At Sea Leasing” on the right side of the screen to access the online transaction page.
2. Enter the number of DAS you are attempting to lease in or lease out.
3. Click on the arrow to the right; select “To” if you are attempting to lease out DAS, or “From” if you are attempting to lease in DAS. Also, enter the price associated with the transaction.
4. Within the box underneath “Lease Candidates,” a list of vessels that qualify for your proposed lease transaction appears. You can access vessel information, including the permit holder’s address and contact information, by clicking on the “details” link to the right of the vessel description.
5. Select the vessel that you wish to make a lease offer to. Please note, because making multiple lease offers could result in exchanging more DAS than you want, it is suggested that you propose one offer at a time.
6. Return to the site periodically to check whether the lease offer was accepted or refused. Accepted or refused lease applications will be listed under “Completed DAS leases” (at the bottom of the screen).
7. The far right column under “Completed DAS leases” is the official lease letter. You may print this letter as an official record of the completed DAS lease.

Paper Lease Applications Submitted to GARFO

You can obtain a paper DAS lease applications by calling (978) 282-8483, or by downloading the form from our web page at: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/permits/forms.html>. You must submit a completed application with original signatures from both vessel owners. Faxed copies will also be accepted. The Regional Administrator will send a letter to each vessel owner approving or denying the lease application.

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.