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SMALL ENTITY COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Subject: NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Launches Revisions to the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Call-In System

Dear Federal Fisheries Permit Holder:

The intent of this letter is to alert vessel owners that NMFS has made revisions to the IVR call-in system. This system allows vessel owners to provide NMFS with certain declarations such as Days-At-Sea (DAS) trips, cooperative research trips, landings, and blocks of time out of the Northeast multispecies fishery. These revisions were made to streamline and improve the call flow to make the IVR system more efficient and reliable. The toll-free phone number for the revised IVR system remains the same, **1-888-284-4904**.

When calling in to the new IVR system please have the following information ready:

- Vessel permit number, operator permit number, and telephone number;
- NMFS-assigned personal identification number (PIN);
 - If you do not know your PIN please contact the Analysis and Program Support Division during normal business hours at (978) 281-9133
- The fishery, gear type, and area you will be fishing;
- The Vessel Trip Report (VTR) serial number; and
- The 3-digit port code, which can be found here:
 - <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/fishermen/multispecies/gom/vms/FinalizedCodesList.pdf>

If you are involved with any cooperative research programs, revised IVR reporting instructions will be sent to you through the project's principal investigator.

If you have questions regarding the IVR system, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division during business hours at 978-281-9315, or the Office of Law Enforcement IVR back-up line during non-business hours at 1-888-IVR-9994 or 1-888-487-9994.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

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