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Reminder: Federal Dockside Monitoring Funding Ends September 19, 2011

Effective September 19, 2011, dockside monitoring will no longer be mandatory for fishing years (FY) 2011 and 2012. During this time, in the Northeast (NE) multispecies fishery, sectors may voluntarily elect to continue dockside monitoring programs if they so choose. Industry-funded dockside monitoring will be required starting FY 2013 (i.e., May 1, 2013, through April 30, 2014) for both sector and common pool vessels.

Trip End Hails Still Required

Even though dockside monitoring will no longer be mandatory in FYs 2011 and 2012, sector vessels fishing on any sector trip and common pool vessels fishing under a NE multispecies day-at-sea (DAS) **must submit trip-end hail (TEH) reports** via their vessel monitoring system (VMS) prior to returning to port on each trip. This requirement was initiated by Framework Adjustment 45 on May 1, 2011. The TEH report helps to facilitate dockside inspections by state and Federal enforcement agents. **Trip-start hails (TSH) will no longer be required after September 19, 2011.**

SkyMate VMS Users: On the Trip Start/End form, you must submit the TEH, which is at the bottom of the screen. The TSH at the top of the screen is no longer required. Please remember to also complete the "Additional Required Information" at the bottom of the macro.

Boatrac VMS Users: On Macro 36, you must submit a TEH beginning with the section "_ Trip End Hail." The first section that includes TSH is no longer required.

Thrane VMS Users: Under the reports section, you must submit the TEH form, the TSH form is no longer required.

Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 if you have any questions regarding these requirement changes or the Office of Law Enforcement with VMS questions at (978) 281-9213.

This small entity compliance guide 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.