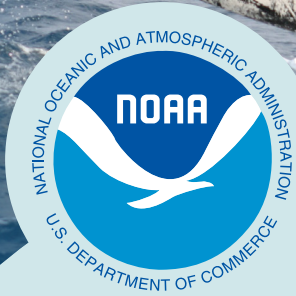




Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) Requirements



NOAA FISHERIES

Protected Resources



For information on the Northeast Marine Mammal Authorization Program visit www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/mmap/

or call

NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office
978-281-9328



REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATION

In the Greater Atlantic Region (Maine through Virginia), NOAA Fisheries Service automatically registers those fishermen who hold current state and/or federal permits. Certificates are mailed directly to all applicable permit holders with valid 2015 state/federal fishing permits. Copies may be obtained by downloading from www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/mmap/ or by contacting NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office's Protected Species Division at (978) 281-9328.

Fishermen who engage in a fishery for which no state or federal permit is required, or those fishermen obtaining Category I or II fishing permits after January 1, 2016, must register in the MMAP by calling the Greater Atlantic Regional Office's Protected Species Division at (978) 281-9328. In the Greater Atlantic Region, there is no fee for registering.

OBSERVERS

Fishermen in Category I or Category II fisheries must accommodate observers upon request (see Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Fact Sheet). This requires vessels to possess a current Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination decal issued by the US Coast Guard. Safety examinations are completed dockside at no cost. For more information contact the USCG Marine Safety Office Dockside Examiners.

SUBMITTING REPORTS

All fishermen participating in Category I, II or III fisheries must report all accidental injuries or deaths of marine mammals that occur during commercial fishing operations within 48 hours of returning from the trip on which the injury/mortality occurred. This can be done by completing and submitting the form found online at www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/mmap/ or by requesting forms from NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office's Protected Species Division at (978) 281-9328.

TAKE REDUCTION PLANS & EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Fishermen participating in Category I or II fisheries must comply with applicable Take Reduction Plans and emergency regulations (see Atlantic Take Reduction Teams & Plans Fact Sheet to see what Take Reduction Plans are applicable to your fishery).