Fish-Online Offers New Functions For Fishermen

Fish-Online is a password protected website maintained by NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Region where fishermen can find regulatory information they need to fish successfully and to participate in the management process.

Fish-Online was originally made available in May 2013, enabling permit holders to view landings, days-at-sea, and potential sector contribution (PSC) information. Since that time, many more functions have been added.

You can now:

> View the data NOAA Fisheries has recorded from your submitted vessel trip reports (VTRs);

> View data NOAA Fisheries has received from dealers on your trips (dealer landing reports);

> View days-at-sea transactions;

> View PSC letters and landings;

> View observer data by trip;

> See if your vessel is compliant with VTR reporting requirements;

> View Interactive Voice Response (IVR) data reports for herring;

> View a calendar of reporting weeks;

> Verify that NOAA Fisheries has correct information on your vessel specifications, permits, ownership, and contact information;

> Submit "did-not-fish" reports;

> Request a new logbook for VTR and clam fishery reporting;

> Lease multispecies days-at-sea;

> Make cost recovery payments for the scallop individual fishing quota (IFQ) and tilefish fisheries;

> Get fisheries news updates;

> Find out who to contact at NOAA Fisheries with questions; and

> Submit questions via email at any time.

How to access

To access Fish-Online, you need a user ID, which is your permit number, and a vessel PIN number, or password. To obtain a PIN, please call (978) 281-9133 or contact Alison Ferguson, NOAA Fisheries, by phone at (978) 281-9209 or by e-mail at <alison.ferguson@noaa.gov>.

Keep your confidential vessel PIN safe, and do not share it with anyone else. If there is a change in ownership of your vessel, the current PIN will be canceled, and a new PIN will be issued and sent to the new owner. If you lose your confidential vessel PIN or cannot access Fish-Online, contact Alison.

Once you have a PIN, type the following secure web address into your Internet browser (Firefox, Chrome, or Safari are recommended): <www.nero.noaa.gov/NMFSlogin>. You then will have access to the many services provided by Fish-Online.

We are working to make scallop IFQ leasing available soon, and will continue to add new features to Fish-Online. If you have ideas about other

functions that would be useful, please contact Olivia Rugo, NOAA Fisheries, by phone at (978) 675-2167 or by e-mail at <olivia.rugo@noaa.gov>.

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