

## HOW DO I CONTACT THE NORTHEAST VMS TEAM?

**By Phone or E-Mail.** The NE VMS Team is located within the Office of Law Enforcement in the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Gloucester, MA. The main number is **(978) 281-9213 (option 1)** and the fax number is **(978) 281-9317**. For VMS questions or assistance, contact any member of the VMS Team below:

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**Alternate E-mail Address.** You may also send an e-mail at any time to the VMS Team from your VMS unit. Send your e-mail to: NMFS.OLE.NE@noaa.gov.

## HOW AND WHEN SHOULD I CONTACT THE NMFS VMS SUPPORT CENTER?

If you are unable to reach the Northeast VMS Team, our headquarters support center has extended hours of operation and may be able to assist you with general questions about VMS registrations and vessel position reporting. The Support Center is the primary point of contact for the National VMS Reimbursement Program. **The Support Center will refer any technical VMS questions to the appropriate VMS vendor, and any regulatory/rule-related questions to the VMS Team/Greater Atlantic Region.** The Support Center is located at NMFS Headquarters, Office of Law Enforcement, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Hours of operation are 7:00 am to 11:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The phone number is **(888) 219-9228 (toll-free)**.

## HOW CAN I CONTACT A NMFS ENFORCEMENT AGENT?

If it is a law enforcement emergency, call the Enforcement Hot Line toll-free on a 24-hour basis at **(800) 853-1964**. Please do not call the Hot Line for a VMS-related equipment or technical issue; rather, contact your respective VMS vendor (see below).

For law enforcement-related questions or concerns that are of a non-emergency nature, contact your local NMFS enforcement office during business hours as follows:

- **District 1 Office – Boston, MA.** Covers Maine through Connecticut. Phone: (617) 565-1811.
- **District 2 Office – Wall, NJ.** Covers New York through Virginia. Phone: (732) 280-6490.

### **HOW DO I CONTACT AN APPROVED NORTHEAST VMS VENDOR?**

#### **SkyMate:**

- Address: 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 100, Reston, VA 20191
- Phone: 1-866-SKYMATE or (703) 961-5800
- Email: support@skymate.com
- Web: <http://www.skymate.com/>

#### **McMurdo Fleet Management (formerly Boatracs):**

- Address: 11610 Iberia Place, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92128
- Phone: 1-800-262-8722
- Email: support@boatracs.com
- Web: <http://www.mcmurdogroup.com/>

#### **Network Innovations (formerly GMPCS):**

- Address: 4950 West Prospect Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
- Phone: 1-954-973-3100 or (888) 664-6727
- E-mail: support@gmpcs-us.com
- Web: <http://www.networkinv.com/>

#### **CLS America:**

- Address: 4300 Forbes Blvd, Suite 110, Lanham, MD 20706
- Phone: 1-301-925-4411
- Email: fishing@clsamerica.com
- Web: <http://www.clsamerica.com/>