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National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Region Fisheries Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

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2019 Vessel Permit Renewal Information

Enclosed is your renewal package for the 2019 permit year.

Application instructions and permit descriptions are posted on our website (address below). Please complete the required forms and return them to us. If your application is not complete, it will not be processed and we'll return it to you for completion.

Remember, you can't fish without a valid permit.



Include this information with your application

1. Signed and dated **renewal application**;
2. Signed and dated **owner form** with the names of each owner and/or shareholder of the vessel
3. A copy of the vessel's valid **Coast Guard Documentation or State Registration**. Expired USCG Documentation or State registrations will not be accepted.
4. **For party/charter permits**: include a copy of your **valid** Captain's License **or** a copy of your Coast Guard Documentation with a Coastwise endorsement.
5. **If applying for a NE multispecies category A, E, or F or a limited access monkfish** permit and you intend to **fish with gillnets** or you need to order more tags, complete the enclosed Gillnet Tag Form.
6. If applying for a **letter of authorization (LOA)**, complete and include the LOA Request Form.



Please go to our webpage for a more a detailed list of fishery permits and their requirements <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits> or call the

Permit Office at (978) 282-8438



Choose **only one** of following options to send your completed application.

Fax completed forms to: (978) 281-9161 (fax) or (978) 281-9169 (fax)

or

Email scanned forms to: NMFS.GAR.Permits@noaa.gov

or

Mail completed forms to: NMFS Permit Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Important: If you email or fax your application to us, please do not mail the original.



Check your Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) status by calling (978) 281-9246



Make sure your VTRs are up to date by calling (978) 281-9246 or by visiting FishOnLine at <https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/login>

Address corrections and permit changes can be made on the front of your permit application or in Section 4a and 4b on the back of the form. **If there are no changes to your permits or contact information, please leave sections 4a and 4b blank.** Please cross out any contact information you want us to remove and replace it with the updated information. To cancel a fishery, place an "X" in the column marked "Cancel" next to the permit you want to cancel on the front of the form.

Reporting Requirements - The owner or operator of a fishing vessel issued Greater Atlantic Region Fishing permits has VTR reporting requirements for all fishing trips taken, regardless of species targeted or waters fished. Federal surf clam and ocean quahog permit holders must complete clam/quahog log reports when fishing for those species. Vessels that only possess an American lobster permit are not required to submit VTRs. For further information please visit this webpage:
<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/evtr/index.html>

Federal Vessel Operator Permit - It is the responsibility of the vessel owner to ensure that his/her vessels issued Greater Atlantic Region permits are operated by an individual with a valid Federal Vessel Operator Permit. Any individual operating a vessel issued Greater Atlantic Federal Fishing Vessel Permit is subject to the vessel operator permit requirements. Vessel operators are required to report their operator permit number when completing their VTRs.

The Federal Vessel Operator Permit is a photo ID that must be carried by the operator of the vessel. Operator permits are issued for a 3-year period and renewal applications are mailed 35 to 45 days before the expiration of the permit. If you already have an operator permit issued by the Southeast Region (SERO), you do not need to get one from us, the Greater Atlantic Region. Either permit is valid for all of the Southeast and Greater Atlantic fisheries that require an operator permit.

Be sure to keep your address up to date. This will ensure you receive your renewal at the correct address and in a timely manner. Address changes can be made by sending us a written request, signed and dated by the owner.

To ensure that your operator has a valid operator permit or to obtain an application, please call the Permit Office at 978-282-8437, or online at <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/forms.html>.

Tuna Permit Holders

Atlantic tuna vessel permits are issued through a separate permitting system, which can be accessed by phone at (888) 872-8862 (888-USA-TUNA) or via the Internet at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>
Atlantic tunas regulations can also be found on this same website, or can be answered at 978-281-9260.

This letter and the enclosures only summarize your legal requirements. For a complete understanding of your obligations, please consult the **regulations** at our website:
www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/regs/fr.html or call **978-281-9315**.