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2. Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher. You can check your version by checking your browser's Help menu and selecting About.
3. A monitor that accommodates at least 1024 by 768 pixels. Check your Control Panel's Settings or System icon to see the resolution levels on your monitor.
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Once your information is entered into the form, click the "Save" button in the menu on the left side of the screen to save your information. The system will inform you if you have made errors.

4. If you need help with entering information in the SAFIS Data Entry Form, click on "SAFIS Help" on the home page. Additionally, more information is available on how to use SAFIS in the Quick Demo on the CD (see item 2 on this list for information on accessing the demonstrations). If you are unable to solve your problem with the information available in those locations, please contact the:

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1. Select the type of report you would like to create.
2. Enter information into the fields. For more information on entering information into the fields in the form, please refer to the Data Entry Demo which can be accessed using the Get Started CD. Select the Quick Demo option from the menu on the left side of the screen that appears when you load the CD into your computer. Then select the Data Entry button on the bottom left of the screen.

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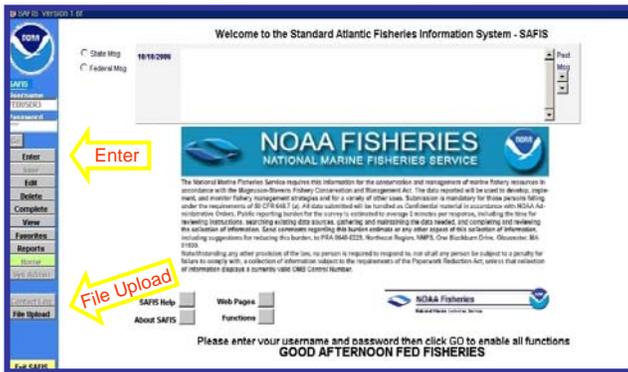
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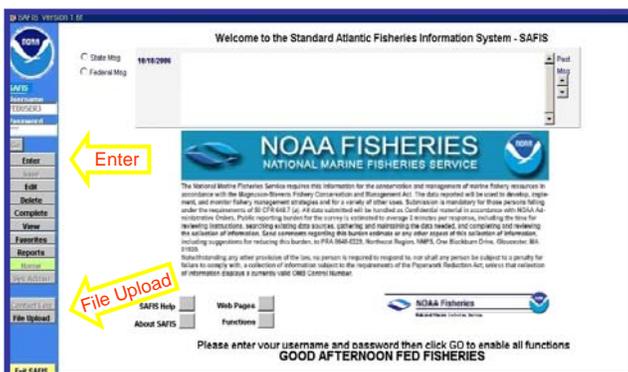
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Using the Getting Started Disk

1. Turn on the computer.
2. Place the Getting Started disk in the computer CD drive so that the printed side is face up.
3. Close the disk drive.
4. Wait a moment for the program on the disk to begin loading automatically. If this doesn't happen, go to the computer's Start menu (on Windows-based machines, you can access this menu by clicking on the "Start" button on the bottom left corner of the screen.). Select "Run" from the menu. This will begin the loading of information from the CD.
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- About SAFIS
 - Home
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3. Enter the username listed in the permit holder letter sent by NOAA Fisheries and then press the “Enter” key on the keyboard.
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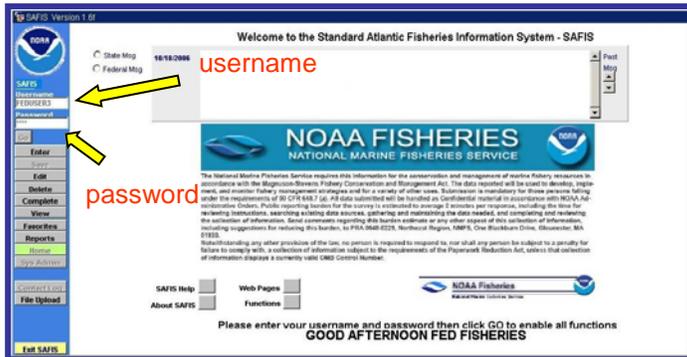
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2. Place the cursor in the white box under the word "Username" on the top left side of the screen.

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1. Once you are on the "Get Started" web page, click on the downward facing arrow on the bottom right of the screen to scroll to the bottom of the page. Select "JInitiator" under "Downloads" to download JInitiator and the Security Certificate.
2. A message may appear warning about the possibility of the file harming your computer. No malicious code has been built into this file. The software has been tested and is guaranteed to be virus-free. Select the "Open" button from the bottom of the pop-up box. This will initiate the copying of the files.
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Using SAFIS Online

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2. Click on the Internet Explorer icon to initiate the Internet browser.
3. Once the Internet Explorer opens, the Internet home page (the default page that appears whenever you access your Internet browser) will appear.
4. Locate the address bar at the top of the screen.
5. Place the cursor in the address bar and type in the SAFIS website address <http://safis.accsp.org> in the address bar and press the “Enter” key on the keyboard or click the “Go” button to the right of the address bar.

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