



Northeast Region Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) Requirements



REGISTRATION & CERTIFICATION

In the Northeast Region, NOAA Fisheries Service automatically registers those fishermen who hold current state or federal permits. Certificates may be obtained by downloading from www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/mmap or by contacting NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office's Protected Species Division at (978) 281-9300 x 6512. Those fishermen who engage in a fishery for which no state or federal permit is required, must register in the MMAP via U.S. Mail using the appropriate forms obtained from NOAA Fisheries Service.

Fishermen participating in Category I and II fisheries must be registered in the MMAP by January 1, 2008. In the Northeast 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 U.S. 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 incidental injuries or mortalities 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

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/interactions/mmap_reporting_form.pdf

or by requesting a form from NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office's Protected Species Division at (978) 281-9300 x 6512.

TAKE REDUCTION PLANS & EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Fishermen participating in Category I or II fisheries must comply with applicable Take Reduction Plans and emergency regulations

(see *Take Reduction Plan Fact Sheet for Atlantic Fisheries*)

