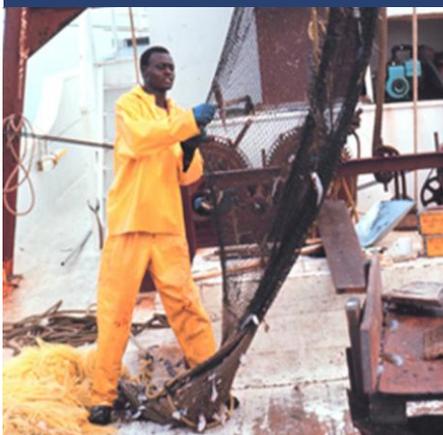


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This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; the regulations summarized here may be found at 50 CFR 648. Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 for more information.



The Sustainable Fisheries Division provides stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management and the promotion of healthy marine ecosystems.

### **Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Reporting Instructions**

When participating in the Monkfish RSA Program and operating under a monkfish RSA day-at-sea (DAS), you are subject to reporting requirements in addition to those already required by the monkfish fishery.

#### **Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System**

When operating under a monkfish RSA DAS, you must call into the IVR system's RSA reporting section at the start and end of each trip. Please note that when you call to end your trip, you will also be required to report all monkfish and skate landings for that trip. You must call the IVR system within 24 hours prior to departing port to start your trip, and call within 24 hours after docking to end your trip. The call times will be used to calculate your monkfish RSA DAS charge. Refer to the more detailed IVR reporting instructions for additional information.

All monkfish landed under an RSA DAS must be reported through the IVR system, including catch that is landed solely for research purposes. Research catch that is of legal size must be reported through the IVR system, and will be deducted from the projects' allocation. If the vessel is operating under an EFP that provides exemptions that facilitate the research, then you will be required to make an additional IVR report to document research catch. Additional instructions can be provided on how to document research catch under such an EFP.

#### **Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)**

If you have VMS unit reporting requirements, you must declare out of fishery (DOF) when fishing on a monkfish RSA compensation fishing trip, unless otherwise instructed in the EFP.

#### **DAS requirements for Northeast (NE) multispecies and scallop permit holders:**

To fish a Monkfish RSA DAS as monkfish-only DAS (not using scallop or NE multispecies DAS), you must fish exclusively in the Southern Fishery Management Area or in an exempted fishery. Such exempted fisheries include the following:

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The Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Monkfish and Dogfish Gillnet Exemption Area; the Southern New England Monkfish and Skate Trawl Exemption Area; the Southern New England Monkfish and Dogfish Gillnet Exemption Area; and the Mid-Atlantic Exemption Area. This information is available on our website at: [www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/infodocs/Large\\_mesh\\_exemption.pdf](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/infodocs/Large_mesh_exemption.pdf)

If you choose to fish in the Northern Fishery Management Area outside the exemption area, you are required to use a NE multispecies or scallop DAS and/or sector quota.

## Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP)

All standard NEFOP observer and trip notification requirements apply when operating under monkfish DAS and/or an EFP. More information on the NEFOP and pre-trip reporting requirements is available at: [www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/Observer\\_Pre-Trip\\_Notification.html](http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/Observer_Pre-Trip_Notification.html). However, you should notify NEFOP when you will be operating under an RSA DAS and/or an EFP.

## Vessel Trip Report (VTR)

All VTR submission requirements apply to vessels participating in the Monkfish RSA Program. Please visit [www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/vtr\\_inst.pdf](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/vtr_inst.pdf) for more information on VTRs.

When filling out your VTR, you must fill out the "RSA/EFP: # of Crew" section in box number 6 of your VTR. There are also two specific codes that must be used when you retain fish that are transferred directly to a researcher or research facility and is not sold. Use the following codes in place of the "dealer permit number" in box 20 on the VTR for any fish transferred to a researcher and not sold to a dealer:

- For fish below the legal minimum size - 6
- For fish above the legal minimum size - 7

## Research Report

The principal investigator of this project must submit a copy of the final report to us within 6 months of project completion.

## Contacts

Monkfish RSA Program questions – (978) 281-9315

IVR reporting requirements and questions– (978) 281-9315

IVR technical difficulties – (978) 281-9209

VMS questions and technical difficulties – (978) 281-9213

VTR questions – (978) 281-9246

NE multispecies pre-trip notification website - [fish.nefsc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/PTNS/login.pl](http://fish.nefsc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/PTNS/login.pl)

NE multispecies observer pre-trip notification backup line - 1-855-FISHES1

# Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Reporting Worksheet

This worksheet outlines the information needed to start and end a monkfish RSA trip in IVR and to submit trip level RSA catch reports. It may be copied and used as a personal record and does not need to be submitted.

IVR phone number: 1-888-284-4904

Permit Number					

Research Code				

New Trip Confirmation Number							

Completed Trip Confirmation Number							

Species name	Species Code	State Code	Pounds Landed/Discarded
Monkfish	18		
Monkfish tails	19		
Monkfish livers	20		
Skate	62		
Skate wings	63		

State Codes							
Maine	22	Connecticut	07	Delaware	08	South Carolina	43
New Hampshire	32	New York	35	Maryland	23	Georgia	13
Massachusetts	24	New Jersey	33	Virginia	49	Florida	10
Rhode Island	42	Pennsylvania	41	North Carolina	36	Louisiana	21

### **To Report the start of an RSA DAS Trip:**

1. Call 1-888-284-4904
2. To start an RSA DAS trip, Press 3
3. Enter the 6-digit vessel permit number
4. Enter your 5-digit research code followed by the # key
5. Press 1 to report the start of your RSA DAS trip
  - 5.1. If the system tells you that you have an open trip, you must close your previous trip before initiating a new trip. Follow the end of trip instructions below to close your trip.
6. Stay on the line to receive your confirmation number. You may hang up after receiving this number.

### **To report the end of your RSA trip and your catch:**

1. Follow initial prompts 1-4 from above to enter vessel and project information
2. To enter landings from an RSA DAS trip, Press 2
3. Enter the 2-digit state code (state where fish were landed)
  - 3.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
4. Enter the 2-digit species code
  - 4.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
5. Enter the amount of pounds landed followed by the # key
  - 5.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
6. Enter the amount of pounds discarded followed by the # key
  - 6.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
7. Press 1 to enter a new species
8. Press 2 to enter another state
9. Press 3 to exit and receive you confirmation number. You may hang up after receiving this number.