Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Gulf Compliance Guide

program website: https://go.usa.gov/xMBjm
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Getting Set Up

do this in advance

Set up your VMS unit.

Select a reporting device.

Select your reporting software and download it to your device.

Set up a user account.

Going Fishing

do this every trip

Submit a trip declaration before you leave the dock.

I'm going fishing!

Land at a pre-approved landing location.

Submit a complete logbook before offloading fish.

Participate in the SEFHIER Validation Survey if asked.

Additional information for each step, as well as in-depth FAQs, are provided in the Informational Toolkits and on the program website.

Applicable Permits

- Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish **(RCG)**
- Historical Captain Charter/Headboat for Reef Fish **(HRCG)**
- Gulf Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic fish **(CHG)**
- Historical Captain Charter/Headboat for Coastal Migratory Pelagic fish **(HCHG)**

Vessels with Multiple Permits

Federal permits issued by NOAA's Southeast Regional Office are tied to a vessel. Each vessel must meet the reporting requirements for all of the permits assigned to the vessel. Complying with Gulf requirements will also satisfy South Atlantic/Atlantic requirements for dual permit holders. Individuals with multiple permits should review the requirements for each permit.

SEFHIER website

open camera app

SEFHIER FAQs

point at QR code

SEFHIER toolkits

go to website

Website Resources

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- News and Announcements
- Fishery bulletins
- Guides and Tools
- Informational Toolkits
- Webinar schedules
- Approved software
- VMS type approved units

Reporting is Required

A logbook and declaration are required for all for-hire intended fishing trips, regardless of where fishing occurs, including other regional or state waters.

VMS Requirements

- SEFHIER type-approved unit
- Permanently affixed to your vessel
- Operates 24 hours a day
- Collects your location data at least once an hour for transmission to NOAA Fisheries
- Has been installed by a qualified installer (selected by vendor)
- Has been activated through the NMFS Help Desk