

REQUEST FOR A LANDING LOCATION FOR COMMERCIALY PERMITTED REEF FISH VESSELS

Vessels with a federal commercial permit for reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico must notify the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in advance of landing any federally managed reef fish species from the Gulf of Mexico at an approved landing location. Landing locations must be approved in advance to ensure the sites actually exist and law enforcement agents can access the site. Proposed landing locations may be submitted using this form; however, new landing locations will be approved only at the end of each calendar-year quarter. Landing locations must have a street address or global positioning system (GPS) coordinates for an identifiable geographic location if there is no street address on record. Use this link to check the accuracy of your coordinates: <https://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/locations/address?form>.

Send completed form to: Catch Share Support/SER29, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, or NMFS.SER.CatchShare@noaa.gov

NMFS will evaluate proposed landing locations based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Landing locations must be publicly accessible by land and water.
- Vehicles must have access to the site via public roads.
- Vessels must have access to the site via navigable waters.
- No other condition may impede free and immediate access to the site by an authorized law enforcement officer. Examples of such conditions include, but are not limited to, a locked gate, fence, wall, or other barrier preventing 24-hour access to the site; a gated community entry point; a guard animal; a posted sign restricting access to the site; or any other physical deterrent.

Contact Name _____

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Landing location name _____

Address of landing location or GPS coordinates: If no street address is available, GPS coordinates of landing location must be supplied in decimal degrees (six decimal places). In the Gulf of Mexico, latitude is between 23° and 31° and longitude is between -79° and -98°. Example: 27.757888, -82.635810

Street address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip code _____ County _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to: PRA Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SER26, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. The data reported will be used to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management activities for a variety of other uses. Responses to this collection are required to obtain or retain a fisheries permit under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Non-confidential information may be released via a NMFS Web site. Non-confidential information means the landing location name, and the landing location address or GPS coordinates. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor will any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Purpose: NMFS requires the use of permits or registrations by participants to manage U.S. fisheries. Information on permit applicants and renewing permit holders includes personal contact information.

Routine Uses: NMFS will use this information to identify fishery participants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable state or regional marine fisheries commissions and international organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: This information is mandatory; failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for an approved landing location.