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- JOB 2: Implementation of the Electronic Seafood Dealer Data Reporting System.

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## FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

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1. Work Accomplishments:

#### JOB 1: Continue Lobster Catch and Effort Logbook program.

RIDFW successfully administered its Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook during each of the segments covered by this report. In addition to collecting and processing catch and effort data, the logbook format evolved from just collecting lobster statistics to data collection from all finfish and crustaceans. In 2005 and 2006 lobster logbooks were printed and mailed out to approximately 1300 license holders eligible to fish for lobster in state waters. This number increased to approximately 2500 license holders when the new logbook was implemented. Media mail was used for the 2005 mailing as a cost saving measure. Mailing logbooks media class cut down on mail expenses by approximately \$1000. These funds were applied toward the business reply account in place for fishers to use to mail in their reports. Although media mailing cut down on the cost of mailing, it added considerable time to the preparation of the mailing and does not provide for mail being returned to sender if the recipient moved or gave a bad address. Having the return to send option is beneficial because the returned logbooks can be reused. These factors brought about the decision to use standard mail to mail logbooks for the years after 2005. Each year a compliance mailing is sent out to the approximate 800 or so harvesters that have not submitted a complete set of logbooks for the year. Commercial fishing licenses cannot be renewed unless the harvester's logbooks are complete. This methodology generally results in an approximate 90 - 95 % compliance rate. All logbooks are processed, data entered and checked for quality assurance when received by RIDFW. Each year RIDFW calculates lobster landings and reports them to NMFS as state supplemental data. The landings reported for Rhode Island were as follows; 2005 = 3044493 pounds and 2006 = 3732242 pounds.

Work was conducted in support of the ASMFC Amendment 3, Addendum 7 to the American Lobster fisheries management plan during this time frame. Addendum 7 calls for a reduction in fishing effort by capping the number of pots fished in the Lobster Management Area (LMA) 2. Area 2 includes Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts state waters and federal waters in Southern New England. Each fisherman or vessel permit fishing area 2 between 2001 and 2003 was be initially allocated a set number of fishable lobster pots based on their historical landings during the period. The RI Lobster Catch and Effort Logbook in conjunction with NOAA fisheries vessel trip reports were the sources of data used to determine RI initial lobster pot allocations. The addendum began May 1, 2007. The coordinator provided data analysis, attended advisory panels, public hearings, status conferences, and RI fishery council meetings in support of RIDFW staff during the Addendum 7 development process. A database which tracks applications, calculates individual trap allocations, and supports mailing was developed by the coordinator during these segments. The coordinator was also available for walkins and phone calls to offer an explanation of Addendum 7 and how it would affect individual fishing practices.

As mentioned earlier, the coordinator finished development of the transformed harvester logbook and instructions (see attached). The logbook was designed to meet ACCSP standards and capture trip level data from commercial harvesters participating in the crustacean and finfish fishery sectors, including dockside sales. All commercial license holders in these two sectors are required to fill out the logbook in order to renew their fishing license for the next year.

#### JOB 2: Implementation of an electronic seafood dealer data reporting system.

RIDFW accomplished the next wave of SAFIS implementation by bringing dealers with a state license and no federal permit into the dealer electronic reporting system. These dealers are not bound by NOAA Fisheries regulation 50 CFR Part 648. The coordinator attended RI marine fisheries council meetings, advisory panels, and public hearings in support of SAFIS deployment. The purpose of these meetings was to solicit comments and provide outreach concerning general SAFIS operations and a regulation to be developed requiring mandatory electronic reporting for all dealers holding a RI license. Comments and requests for SAFIS enhancements were forwarded to the ACCSP SAFIS technical committee for consideration and development. The RI marine fisheries regulation (section 19.14, see attached) that was developed both mirrors and complements federal requirements (50 CFR Part 648). It reiterates the general electronic requirements put forth by NOAA fisheries for trip level data elements and requires addition elements for shellfish dealers. Because RI is using a single ticket system for state water shellfish species (northern quahog, soft shell clam, blue mussel, eastern oyster, and bay scallop), the area where the shellfish was harvested is required data reported by the dealer. Area harvested will be reported according to maps developed by both RIDFW and RI Department of Health.

SAFIS implementation was completed during this period for all dealers hope a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) license. The state used a phased approach to implementation involving individual training and support to all of its state licensed non-federally permitted dealers (state only dealers). State licensed federally permitted dealers are given technical support upon request. RIDFW hired a staff biologist to assist with ACCSP implementation within the state. This person's responsibilities include processing and data entry of lobster and finfish logbooks, aiding the coordinator with compliance monitoring and data auditing. Currently, there are 107 seafood dealers licensed by Rhode Island. Of these dealers 54 hold federal permits, 53 are state only dealers, and 20 have been identified as non-primary buyers. A non-primary buyer is a dealer who does not purchase seafood directly from vessels or harvesters. These dealers are required to sign a statement confirming this status annually and will have negative reports entered into SAFIS for the year. The coordinator integrated 33 dealers into SAFIS during the state only implementation. All 2007 landings are being entered into SAFIS.

RIDFW completed the process of relieving dealers of the state requirement of calling in landings of quota-managed species via the computerized Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system during this period. Each dealer must have successfully entered landings into SAFIS and the IVR for a benchmarking period. Both sets of landings data were compared for quality assurance after which the dealer is excused of IVR reporting. State quota for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, Striped Bass, Tautog, and Bluefish landings are now monitored with SAFIS data. The coordinator developed a quota monitoring database for RIDFW which takes data from SAFIS and puts it into a usable format. The database tracks quotas relative to time period and gear type (when applicable), monitors compliance, and accounts for research set aside landings. During this time frame, the query tool used to retrieve data from SAFIS changed from web intelligence business objects to oracle discoverer. New queries and reports were designed to refit the quota monitoring database to accept data form oracle discoverer.

Meetings funded by ACCSP attended this segment:

SAFIS Technical Committee, June 13, 2005 Operations Committee, July 26 – July 28, 2005 Operations Committee October 19 -20, 2005 Biological Review Panel, January 11 -12, 2006 Bycatch Prioritization Committee, January 12- 13, 2006 Information Systems Committee, April 4-5, 2006 Commercial Technical Committee, April 18-19, 2006 Recreational Technical Committee, May 23-25, 2006 Operations Committee, August 2-3, 2006 Operations Committee, October 4-5, 2006 Recreational Technical Committee, November 15-16, 2006 Biological Review Panel, January 17-18, 2007 Bycatch Prioritization Committee, January 18-19, 2007 Biological Review Panel, January 17-18, 2007 Bycatch Prioritization Committee, January 18-19, 2007 Operations Committee, February 20 – 21, 2007 Commercial Technical Committee, April 3-4, 2007 Information Systems Committee, April 5-6, 2007

# RI Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook

Name License # Port/Stat Port/Stat	f e Lande	ed #1						D mit #1	e									
Trip # = For indication of more than one trip per day. Statistical/LFM Area Fished = Where fishing occurred. For lobeter indicate both stat and LFM area (see maps).		ster indicate				ts hauled on day to haul or # of hours so			lays fixed gear has been soaking prior rs spend fishing mobile gear. tel mobile gear=trawl or rod & reel	Disposition Co all landed cato	Dealer Sold To = Company name of de catch was sold to.			ne of dealer				
Trip Date	Trip #	Vessel # (1 or 2)	Statistical/ LFM Area Fished	Species Code	Pounds Landed	Code	Gear Code	Gear Quantity	Number of Sets/Hauls	Soak Time		Dealer Sold To PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY	Sale Date (carred catch)	Pounds Sold at Dock	Market Code	Grade Code	=	Daily Price
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# <u>State of Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife</u> <u>Commercial Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook Instructions</u>

Commercial fishing may provide you with a substantial livelihood. The information provided by this logbook report will be confidential and will assist us in making commercial fisheries management decisions. Accurate information is essential to this process as incorrect or missing data may result in mismanagement of fisheries. Please help us to effectively manage commercial fisheries in Rhode Island by completing this logbook and by reporting as accurately as possible. Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife (RIDFW) have designed this logbook to collect data from the finfish and crustacean fishing sectors. Incorporating fishery specific instructions to address certain data elements, particularly those capturing gear and effort data, is a necessity of using a single logbook design. As a result, reporters should carefully review the detailed instructions as they pertain to their particular fishing methods, to ensure that fishing activity is accurately and consistently recorded. To assist in the accurate completion of these fields please refer to the example given below. The following instructions have been compiled to assist commercial license holders in completing the State of Rhode Island Commercial Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook.

#### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

The following Rhode Island license holders are **required** by RIGL 20-2.1-4(d) & 20-4-5 to submit this logbook:

- 1. Multi-purpose license holders (MPURP)
- 2. Principal-effort license holders with finfish or crustacean endorsements (PEL with PRFIN, PNFIN, PLOBS, PNLOBS)
- 3. Commercial fisher license holders with finfish or crustacean endorsements (CFL with CRFIN, CNFIN, CLOBS, CNLOBS)
- 4. Dockside Sales endorsement holders (DOCKM, DOCKP, DOCKC) are required to fill out the dockside sales portion of the form.

Commercial harvesters holding the above licenses must report trip level information on this form for **ALL** finfish and crustacean species caught while engaging in commercial fishing activity. For the purposes of this logbook Sea Scallops, *Plactopecten magellanicus*, are considered part of the finfish suite. All other shellfish need not be reported.

This catch and effort logbook must be onboard your vessel at all times and filled out in **blue** or **black ink only** at the end of each day fished. Please retain the yellow copy for your personal records and submit the white copy to the address below. All fields relevant to the fisher must be completed. Incomplete logbooks will be returned to the commercial license holder for completion.

Logbooks must be submitted quarterly according to the schedule below. At least one logbook sheet must be submitted for each month. For months without fishing activity indicate the date range in the space provided at the bottom right of the form. We request that you provide your phone number(s) at the top of your logbook forms so that we may contact you if we need further clarification on your logbook sheets. You must sign and date each logbook sheet.

Quarter	Months in Quarter	Due Date
1	January, February, March	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
2	April, May, June	July 15 <sup>th</sup>
3	July, August, September	October, 15 <sup>th</sup>
4	October, November, December	January 15th

Please mail all logbooks to:

## Division of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Fisheries ACCSP Program 3 Fort Wetherill Road Jamestown, RI 02835

Failure to report may result in suspension or revocation of your RI commercial license and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both (RIGL 20-1-16, 20-7-7 and 20-7-9)- (Penalty 20-7-7 and 20-1-16, Part 1.16 and 15.7). The provisions for this reporting requirement are found at length and covered under RIGL 20-2.1-4(d).

#### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR FEDERAL PERMIT HOLDERS:

If you fill out NOAA Fisheries Vessel Trip Reports (**VTR's**) you may become exempt from reporting as long as your reporting records are in good standing with the Fisheries Service. To become exempt from the RI Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook send ALL state (**blue**) copies of completed VTRs with your Rhode Island commercial fishing license number and federal permit number visibly written. Failure to send in your completed VTRs will result in compliance issues and impede the renewal of your Rhode Island commercial fishing license.

#### **DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR LOGBOOKS**

#### **Top Portion**

- 1. Name: Print your first and last name.
- 2. License number: Print the prefix (MPURP, PEL, or CFL) and the six digit number that appears on your commercial fishing license issued to you by the RI Department of Environmental Management.
- 3. Port/ State landed #1: Print the location where catch was brought ashore.
- 4. **Port/State landed #2:** Print the second location where catch was brought ashore if applicable.
- 5. Vessel #1 Name: Print the name of your vessel.
- 6. Vessel #1 ID: Print the state registration or US Coast Guard documentation number of your vessel.
- 7. Federal Permit #1: Print the six digit number that appears on the fishing permit issued to your vessel by the NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, Gloucester, Massachusetts.
- 8. Number of Crew #1: Print the total number of crew members, including the captain.
- **9.** Vessel #2 Name: Print the name of your second vessel used during this sheets time period if applicable.
- **10. Vessel #2 ID:** Print the state registration or US Coast Guard documentation number of your second vessel used during this sheets time period if applicable.
- **11. Federal permit #2:** Print the six digit number that appears on the fishing permit issued to your second vessel by the NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, Gloucester, Massachusetts used during this sheets time period if applicable.
- 12. Number of crew #2 Print the total number of crew members, including the captain of second vessel used during this sheets time period if applicable.

## Lower Portion

- **1. Trip Date:** Print the date of landing (MM/DD/YY) for the current fishing trip. Print this date on each row with information pertaining to the trip.
- 2. Trip #: If more than one fishing trip occurred during a day separate the trips by numbering them sequentially.
- **3.** Vessel #: If more than one fishing vessel was used during the time period covered by this sheet indicate which vessel information from above is applicable to this trip (1 or 2).
- 4. Statistical / LFM Area Fished: Enter the numeric code of the Statistical Area fished from the attached map where fishing occurred. If more than one Statistical Area was fished then use a separate row for fishing activity in each area. FOR LOBSTER ONLY also indicate the Lobster Fishery Management area fished from the attached map. For example lobsters caught in Statistical area 539 and LFM 2 should read 539/2.

- 5. Species Code: Print the code from the list below for ALL finfish or crustacean species landed from the trip. Use a different row for each species.
- **6. Pounds Landed:** Print the size of the portion of the catch described by this row in pounds.
- 7. **Disposition Code:** Disposition of the catch is an indication of what occurred after landing. Refer to the codes and descriptions listed below. Use a different row for each disposition of any species.
- **8.** Gear Code: Enter the code for the gear/s used on the fishing trip. Use a different row for multiple gear types.
- **9.** Gear Quantity: Enter the total amount of gear you have in the water fishing. For lobster this is the number of traps being fished.
- **10. Number of Sets/Hauls:** Enter the number of times you hauled your gear on the trip. For lobster this is the number of traps hauled for gillnets this is the number of strings hauled.
- **11. Soak Time:** Enter the number of days gear has been soaking prior to haul or the number of hours spent fishing for mobile gear. Examples of fixed gear: gillnets, floating fish traps, or lobster traps. Examples of mobile gear: rod and reel, otter trawls, dredges, or scuba gear.
- 12. Port # 1 or # 2: If you landed in two ports during the period covered by this sheet indicate which port from above applies to the trip.
- **13. Dealer Sold To:** If you sold your catch to a dealer print the corporate name of the dealer in the space provided.
- 14. Sale Date (carred catch): Enter the date landings from this trip were sold.

# The following fields apply to dockside sales only. Fishers holding dockside sales endorsements (DOCKM, DOCKP, DOCKC) are required to fill out this portion if dockside sales were conducted.

- **15. Pounds Sold at Dock:** Enter the total pounds of the species on this row of the trip sold or intended to be sold at the dock.
- **16. Market Code:** Enter the market code that best describes the species on this row of the trip sold or intended to be sold at the dock.
- **17. Grade Code:** Enter the grade code that best describes the species on this row of the trip sold or intended to be sold at the dock. Grade describes landing condition.
- 18. Food (F) or Bait (B): Indicate whether the species on this row of the trip sold or intended to be sold at the dock is for food or bait.
- **19. Daily Price:** Enter your daily price per pound for the species on this row of the sold or intended to be sold at the dock.

# **Complete list of Species Codes and Common names:**

PON	Bonito
BON BLU	Bluefish
BSB	Black Sea Bass
BUT	Butterfish
CEEL	
COD	Conger Eel Cod
COD	Crab, Green
CRG	Crab, Jonah (Rock Crab)
CRR	Crab, Rock (Sand Crab)
CUN	Cunner
EEL	American Eel
FAL	False Albacore (Little Tunny/ Boo-Hoo)
HAD	Haddock
HER	Atlantic Herring
HSC	Horseshoe Crab
HSD	Hickory Shad
KIN	Kingfish
LOB	Lobster, American
MAC	Atlantic Mackeral
MEN	Menhaden (Pogies/Bunker)
MON	Monkfish (Goosefish)
RHAK	Hake, Red (Ling)
SRB	Sea Robin
SAN	Sandbar Shark
SCAL	Sea Scallop
SCU	Scup
SFL	Summer Flounder (Fluke)
SHAK	Hake, Silver (Whiting)
SKT	Skates
SMD	Smooth Dogfish
SPD	Spiny Dogfish
SPM	Spanish Mackerel
SQL	Squid, Loligo
SQI	Squid, Illex
SRV	Sea Raven
STB	Striped Bass
TAU	Tautog
TRG	Gray Triggerfish
WDP	Windowpane (Sand Dab/Brill)
WEA	Weakfish (Squeteague)
WFL	Winter Flounder (Blackback)
WHAK	Hake, White
YTL	Yellowtail Flounder

## **Disposition Codes:**

Sold as Food Sold as Bait Personal Use	001 008 002	<u>Gear Codes</u>	Placed in Live Car Seized by Enforcement	003 602
Dredge Floating Fish Trap Gill Nets Pots & Traps (Lobster)	DRG FFT GNS PTL		Pots & Traps (Fish) Rod and Reel Scuba Gear Trawl Nets	PTF RR SCUBA OTF
		Market Code	<u>s</u>	
Lobster Chix ( <1.25 lbs) Lobster Quarters (1.25 lbs) Lobster Select (1.5 – 2 lbs)		CX QT MD	Lobster Large ( > 2 lbs) Unknown/Run	LG UN
		Grade Codes	2	
Round (Whole) Live	001 002		Gutted Head On	023

#### Please reference the following examples to assist you in filling out your logbooks:

**Example 1:** Commercial fisher John Doe hauled 100 of his 200 lobster pots set in Block Island Sound on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He used the F/V Big Bug with vessel I.D. # 123456. He harvested 150 pounds of lobster and 75 pounds of Jonah crabs. He fished with 1 crew on his boat including himself. The pots were set on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 with a two day soak time. John landed his catch in Point Judith, RI. He sold 100 pounds of lobsters to dealer YYZ for food. He sold 25 pounds of lobster chix at the dock and gave away 25 pounds to friends and family. He placed the crab in car and sold them on June 5<sup>th</sup> to dealer ABC.

**Example 2:** John Doe fished for scup off Narragansett Pier on June 7<sup>th</sup> using fish pots for gear. He hauled all 30 of his 30 scup pots with 1 other crewmember for a total harvest of 300 pounds of scup. The pots were set on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2007 for a one day soak time. Mr. Doe landed his catch in Point Judith, RI and sold the 300 pounds of scup to dealer ABC intended for use as food. On June 8<sup>th</sup> 2007, John fished with a rod and reel for black sea bass for 3 hours near Watch Hill reef and harvested 100 pounds. He sold the 100 pounds of black sea bass that same day to dealer YYZ in Point Judith for food.

#### **RI** Commercial Harvester Catch and Effort Logbook

Name John Doe	Vessel #1 Name Big Bug	Vessel #2 Name
License # <u>MPURP 123456</u>	Vessel #1 ID <u>123456</u>	Vessel #2 ID
Port/State Landed #1 P.J., R.I.	Federal Permit #1	Federal Permit #2
Port/State Landed #2	Number of Crew #1 2	Number of Crew #2

Date	Trip #	Vessel # 1 or 2	Stat /LFM Area	Species Code	Lbs.	Disp. Code	Gear Code	Gear Quantity	# Sets/ Hauls	Soak Time	Port # 1or 2	Dealer Sold to	Sale Date	Lbs. Sold at Dock	Mar- ket Code	Grade Code	Food or Bait	Price
6/3/07	1	1	539/2	LOB	100	001	PTL	200	100	2	1	YYZ	6/3/07	25	CX	02	F	6.00
6/3/07	1	1	539/2	LOB	25	002	PTL	200	100	2	1							
6/3/07	1	1	539	CRJ	75	003	PTL	200	100	2	1	ABC	6/5/07					
6/7/07	1	1	539	SCU	300	001	PTF	30	30	1	1	ABC	6/7/07					
6/8/07	1	1	611	BSB	100	001	RR	1		3	1	YYZ	6/8/07					

For information or assistance contact either Nicole Calabrese at (401) 423-1933 or John Lake at (401) 423-1942 RI Marine Fisheries Regulations: Section 19.14 Dealer Electronic Reporting Requirements

19.14.1 Control Date – the date for compliance with section 19.14 as set forth below for all RI licensed seafood dealers will be March 1, 2006

19.14.2 General Requirements

A. All RI licensed seafood dealers will be required to obtain and utilize a personal computer in working condition which is capable of submitting an electronic report to the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS)

B. In cases where a seafood dealer falls under the jurisdiction of both the state of RI and the federal government (NMFS) said dealer must comply with the more frequent of the minimum reporting schedules or the more detailed data requirement

19.14.3 Reporting Frequency and Required Data Elements

A. Trip Level Data for all species harvested required on a bi-weekly basis, to be reported on Monday and Thursday of each week, will consist of the following elements:

1. Species common name including market level and grade

2. Amount landed or purchased including the units the product was measured in (i.e. pounds)

3. Area where product was taken (only applicable to shellfish purchases)

4. Date the product was landed or purchased

5. RI Commercial license or landing permit number of the fisherman selling the product to the dealer

6. Vessel identification number (Coast Guard documentation number and/or state of RI registration number)

7. Port or location where the catch was landed or purchased

B. Trip Level Data for all species harvested required, to be reported within 30 days of the landing or purchase date. Such data shall consist of the following elements:

1. Price at which the product was purchased

2. Disposition (what the product was used for, i.e. bait, consumer consumption, etc)

19.14.4 Negative reports

A. RI licensed seafood dealers will be required to submit a negative report to SAFIS for each reporting period during which no finfish, shellfish, crustacean, or any other seafood product was landed or purchased

B. Dealers may file negative reports for a maximum of three (3) months in advance

19.14.5 Penalty - In addition to the penalty described in RIGL 20-1-16, the license of any person who violates any of the terms of 19.14 shall have their commercial seafood dealers license suspended by the Director for a period of 30 days for a first offence, 90 days for a second offence, and 365 days for a third offence, and revocation for a fourth offense.