

Atlantic HMS Exempted Fishing Permit Program Overview

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Outline

- ❖ Public notification
- ❖ Management authorities
- ❖ Permit types
- ❖ Permit application requirements
- ❖ Submitting reports
- ❖ Questions and comments

Public Notification

❖ Every year, NOAA Fisheries publishes a Notice of Intent to issue EFPs.

- 30 day comment period
- Outlines types of permits requests expected
- Anything different needs its own Notice

❖ Generally begin drafting permits in early part of the year (e.g. January 2019)

❖ NOAA Fisheries receives data from applicants that is summarized in this notice.



Management Authorities

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species fisheries are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act

Because of these dual authorities, we issue a variety of permits to account for different situations.




Permit Types

Four Permit Types (Other than shark research fishery permits):

- Exempt fishing permits (EFPs) - Reporting required
- Scientific research permits (SRPs) - Reporting required
- Letters of acknowledgement (LOAs) - Reporting requested*
- Display permits - Reporting required

Vessel Type	Sharks	All Tunas	Swordfish	Billfish
Opportunistic research on Commercial or Recreational Vessels	EFP	EFP	EFP	EFP
Only research carried out on Commercial or Recreational Vessels	LOA	SRP	SRP	SRP
Research on bonafide research vessels	LOA	SRP	SRP	SRP
Research on NOAA vessels by NOAA scientist	SRP	SRP	SRP	SRP
Public display of Atlantic HMS	Display	Display	Display	Display

Permit Application Requirements



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**ATLANTIC HMS EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP)
APPLICATION**

Applicant Name: _____

Institution Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Fax Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____


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Please plan ahead. NMFS requires 60 days from the date the application is deemed complete to make a determination on issuing the EFP. NMFS may take additional time to analyze the environmental, economic, and social impacts of proposed research if the activity has not been previously analyzed.

1) **Please list the main purpose and goals of the exempted fishing activity, primarily describing research or project as well as justification for issuance of such a permit.**

For example: We are assessing age classes of lemon shark mating aggregations along the coast of Miami Beach, Florida. Capture methods will be a combination of gill net and bottom long lines. We are expecting to routinely encounter large quantities of sub-adult and mature lemon sharks, as well as other elasmobranchs not targeted for research. Lemon sharks will be sexed, measured, tagged with either M-tag or nylon spaghetti tag and released after DNA sample has been taken via fin clip. Upon capture, tail rope and cradle system will be used. Elasmobranchs are not expected to leave the water at any time during work up. None of these encounters listed above will intentionally result in elasmobranch or select mortality.

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11) **Please list the shark, tuna, swordfish, or billfish species you expect to interact with:**
* Note: NMFS will evaluate authorizations allowing the commercial sale of FHS on a case by case basis.

Individual Species	Number of Species				Do you expect to keep parts of the animal (i.e. fin clips)? If so, please indicate which parts below	Do you wish to sell all or part of the animal?*
	Kept	Released Dead	Released Alive	Tagged		
<small>Non Target Species (list below)</small>						

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Vessel Information

*Applications will be deemed incomplete if signature, HMS Permits, and vessel documentation (i.e. U.S. Coast Guard/state registration) are not included. We cannot begin processing your application until it has been deemed complete.
If the applicant's name is different from the vessel owner's name, please fill in the appropriate information.*

Participating Vessel(s)¹:

1. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____
Operator's Name _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes No Vessel ID #: _____
HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes No

2. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____
Operator's Name _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes No Vessel ID#: _____
HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes No

3. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____
Operator's Name _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes No Vessel ID#: _____
HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes No

Applicants
Signature _____ Date: _____
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¹Include additional sheets if more than three vessels are needed for the exempted fishing activity
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Questions or Comments?

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