



About Integrated MMAP Registration

Marine Mammal Authorization Program registration in the NMFS Southeast Region is integrated. Integrated registration includes:

- NMFS does *not* collect unnecessary personal information like tax id number or a \$25 fee otherwise required
- Name, address and permit type are taken from existing state and federal databases
- Potential Category I and II commercial fishermen are automatically registered into the MMAP program
- Registration notification is automatically sent to those registered along with information about Authorization Certificates, marine mammal interaction reports and the NMFS observer program
- Notifications are sent in December for the next year

Q: I won't fish in a Category I or II fishery this year. Why was I registered?

A. NMFS deduces who should be registered from existing records, so sometimes fishermen are registered when they don't need to be. This can happen because fishery permits do not always match LOF categories, records hold outdated information, fisherman do not always use a permit, or other reasons. It is better to be registered unnecessarily than to *not* be registered when required, so NMFS automatically registers anyone whose permit or license suggests participation.

Q: I was registered in error. What should I do?

A. Nothing. However, if you would like your name removed from MMAP records, contact NMFS SERO MMAP Hotline at (727) 209-5952 and we will delete your information from the MMAP 2011 registry.

Q: I am registered correctly. Is there anything else I need?

A. Yes. You must obtain an Authorization Certificate, report marine mammal injuries and deaths on a Marine Mammal Mortality/Injury Report Form and be prepared to carry a NMFS Observer when asked.

Integrated Registration Process

1. NMFS identifies gear types usual or permissible in all commercial fisheries
2. NMFS identifies all state and federal commercial fishery permit types
3. NMFS contacts state and federal agencies holding commercial fishery information and requests the names and addresses of all fishers who could possibly participate in a Category I or II fishery
4. NMFS sends notification of registration letters to all commercial fisherman who, based on permit information, could potentially fish in a Category I or II fishery
5. Commercial fishermen receive notification and check the List of Fisheries to determine if they participate in a Cat I or II fishery this year

Fishermen who will participate in a Cat I or II fishery must obtain an Authorization Certificate to carry while fishing

Fishermen not participating in a Cat I or II fishery may discard the notification and contact NMFS to have their name removed from the registry