



# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING IN LOGSHEET

\* Please record your Vessel Name, PIN (For-Hire Vessels Only), HMS Permit Category, HMS Permit Number, and Principal Port State on the top of the logsheet. Use the following codes to complete this form. You may keep it for use during your telephone interview, or fax it toll-free to **1-877-694-8808**. Your total trips are the sequential number of the trips taken during your reporting period.

**Total # Trips** - Total number of saltwater fishing trips targeting finfish taken during your two week assignment period.

**Total # "Large Pelagic" Trips** - Total number of fishing trips in which large pelagic species such as tunas, sharks, billfish, dolphin, wahoo, amberjack or similar offshore species were targeted.

**Total # Trips with Paying Passengers** - Number of total trips with paying passengers.

**Trip** - Sequential number of the trip taken during your two week assignment period.

**Trip Specifics:**

Date - The date of the trip (month/day).

Days Fished - The number of days on which fishing occurred during the trip. (This will be "1" unless a multi-day trip.)

Number of Anglers - The number of people who fished on the trip.

Paying Passengers? - Was this trip with paying passengers? Yes (Y) No (N)

**Origin of Trip:**

State - The state to which the fishing trip returned (use two letter abbreviation).

County - The county to which the fishing trip returned.

Site Type - Marina, dock, or launch ramp to which the trip returned.

Marina (M)

Private Dock (D)

Public Ramp (R)

Site Name - The name of the marina, dock, or launch ramp to which the trip returned. (If private dock, just record "PRIVATE")

**Effort:**

Trip Start Time - Time of day vessel departed the dock or ramp for the fishing trip.

Trip End Time - Time of day vessel arrived back at the dock or ramp.

Hours Fished - The amount of time spent actively fishing with gear in the water to the nearest half-hour.

Fishing Method - The method of fishing on this trip as defined below. Up to two methods can be entered, with the primary method entered first.

Trolling (T) - Lines fished by pulling through the water while under power.

Bottom (B) - Lines fished straight down off the side of the boat while typically not under power.

Chumming (CM) - Lines fished off the side of the boat while typically not under power, as chum (ground fish) is dropped overboard to attract fish.

Chunking (CK) - Lines fished off the side of the boat while typically not under power, as chunks of fish are dropped overboard to attract fish.

Casting (C) - Lines fished by using a casting rod and reel.

Fly fishing (F) - Lines fished by using a fly rod and reel.

Drifting (D) - Lines fished while boat is passively (not under power) drifting.

Other (O) - Specify.

**Primary Fishing Area** - The primary area where most of your fishing effort on this trip occurred.

Ocean/Gulf (O) - Fishing in coastal or offshore ocean waters, or the Gulf of Maine.

Sound (S) - Fishing in a semi-enclosed or enclosed embayment named "Sound."

River (R) - Saltwater fishing in rivers.

Bay (B) - Fishing in an enclosed bay (e.g. Chesapeake Bay, Narragansett Bay).

**Distance From Shore** - The distance from shore where fishing primarily took place as defined below.

Only to be used if Primary Fishing Area = Ocean/Gulf (O).

≤ 3 miles - Fishing from shore out to 3 miles.

> 3 miles - Fishing greater than 3 miles out from shore.

**Fishing Target** - The fish species or species group targeted during the trip. Up to two targets can be entered, with the primary target entered first.

**Groundfish:**

**COD** Atlantic Cod  
**HADD** Haddock  
**SHAK** Silver Hake / Whiting  
**POLL** Pollack  
**HAKE** Hake

**Sharks:**

**DGSM** Smooth Dogfish  
**DGSP** Spiny Dogfish  
**SHBL** Blue  
**SHMS** Mako Shortfin  
**SHSB** Sandbar  
**SHTH** Thresher

**Pelagics:**

**BLUE** Bluefish  
**BON** Bonito  
**MACK** Atlantic Mackerel  
**KGM** King Mackerel  
**SSM** Spanish Mackerel  
**DOL** Dolphinfish/Mahi-Mahi  
**BUM** Blue Marlin  
**WHM** White Marlin  
**SWO** Swordfish  
**WAH** Wahoo  
**AMB** Amberjack

**Flounders:**

**FLBB** Blackback/Winter Flounder/ Channel  
**FLSOU** Southern Flounder  
**FLUKE** Summer Flounder/Fluke  
**FLYT** Yellowtail Flounder  
**HAL** Atlantic Halibut

**Other Finfish - Southern:**

**BARRA** Great Barracuda  
**COBIA** Cobia  
**CREV** Creville Jack  
**CRO** Atlantic Croaker  
**DRUMB** Black Drum  
**DRUMR** Red Drum / Redfish  
**GRPR** Unknown Grouper  
**GRPSN** Snowy Grouper  
**LADY** Ladyfish  
**SHEEP** Sheephead  
**SNAP** Snapper Family  
**SNAPR** Red Snapper  
**SNAPV** Vermillion Snapper  
**WKSP** Spotted Sea Trout  
**WKSQ** Weakfish/Squeteague/Gray Sea Trout

**Tunas:**

**ALB** Albacore  
**BET** Bigeye  
**BFT** Bluefin  
**BLKFT** Blackfin  
**SKJ** Skipjack  
**YFT** Yellowfin

**OTHER:** Write-in

**Gear** - Types of fishing gear used for fishing on trip (include all used but list primary gear first).

Rod/Reel (R) - Fishing with rod and reel.

Harpoon (HR) - Fishing with harpoon.

Handline (HD) - Fishing with handline.

Other (O) - Fishing with other types of gear.

**Bait Type** - Types of bait used for fishing on trip (include all used but list primary bait type first).

Live (L) - Live bait

Artificial (A) - Artificial lures

Dead (D) - Dead bait

Other (O) - Other types of bait

**Fishing Grounds/Location** - Enter the name of the fishing grounds or the latitude/longitude coordinates to the nearest five (5) minutes.

**Number of Lines** - Number of lines fished.

**Hours Fished** - Amount of time spent actively fishing with gear in the water to the nearest ½ hour.

**Water Depth** - Average water depth of the area fished in feet, if known.

**Water Temp.** - Estimated surface water temperature, if known.

**Tournament** - If applicable, the name of the tournament in which the fishing trip was entered.

**Detailed Information on Catches of Selected Species** - The number of fish:

Kept (K) - Fish that were caught and landed.

Released Dead (D) - Fish that were caught and released dead.

Released Live (L) - Fish that were caught and released while still alive.