



Newly Added Species to be Reported in Vessel Trip Reports

Vessels that fish for certain species in federal waters are required to have federal fishing permits. One of the requirements of permit holders is that they complete a Vessel Trip Report, or “VTR,” for each fishing trip they take.

Many species managed in the South Atlantic are being caught more frequently in Mid-Atlantic waters due to apparent shifts/extensions in species distributions. To avoid landings going un-reported, the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) has developed species codes for 21 such species (Table 1). These species should be reported the same way as all other species.

Table 1. Additional list of species identified by GARFO and the MAFMC to be reported in VTRs.

Common Name	Scientific Name	NESPP3	VTR Species Code
Triggerfish, Gray	<i>Balistes capricus</i>	457	TRIGGR
Porgy, Jolthead	<i>Calamus bajonado</i>	325	JPG
Porgy, Whitebone	<i>Calamus leucosteus</i>	324	WPG
Sea Bass, Bank	<i>Centropristis ocyurus</i>	328	BANK
Graysby	<i>Cephalopholis cruentata</i>	590	GRAYSBY
Grouper, Coney	<i>Cephalopholis fulva</i>	592	GRPCO
Hind, Rock	<i>Epinephelus adcionis</i>	028	HINDRO
Hind, Speckled	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>	029	HINDSP
Hind, Red	<i>Epinephelus guttatus</i>	032	HINDRED
Grouper, Red	<i>Epinephelus morio</i>	026	GRPRED
Grouper, Warsaw	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>	591	GRPW
Grouper, Snowy	<i>Epinephelus niveatus</i>	146	GRPSN
Tomtate	<i>Haemulon aurolineatum</i>	149	TOMT
Grunt, White	<i>Haemulon plumieri</i>	136	GRUNTW
Snapper, Gray	<i>Lutjanus griseus</i>	323	SNAPG
Gag	<i>Mycteroperca microlepis</i>	593	GAG
Scamp	<i>Mycteroperca phenax</i>	145	SCAMP
Amberjack, Greater	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	181	AMBGR
Amberjack, Lesser	<i>Seriola fasciata</i>	182	AMBLR
Jack, Almaco	<i>Seriola rivoliana</i>	007	JACKA
Rudderfish, Banded	<i>Seriola zonanta</i>	008	RUDB

For more information on VTRs and questions regarding reporting please visit the links below.

- [GARFO VTR Reporting Instructions \(pdf\)](#)
- [MAFMC For-Hire Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting Page](#)
- [GARFO Summary of eVTR Reporting Requirements](#)

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