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CATCH AND EFFORT TRIP REPORTING FAQs

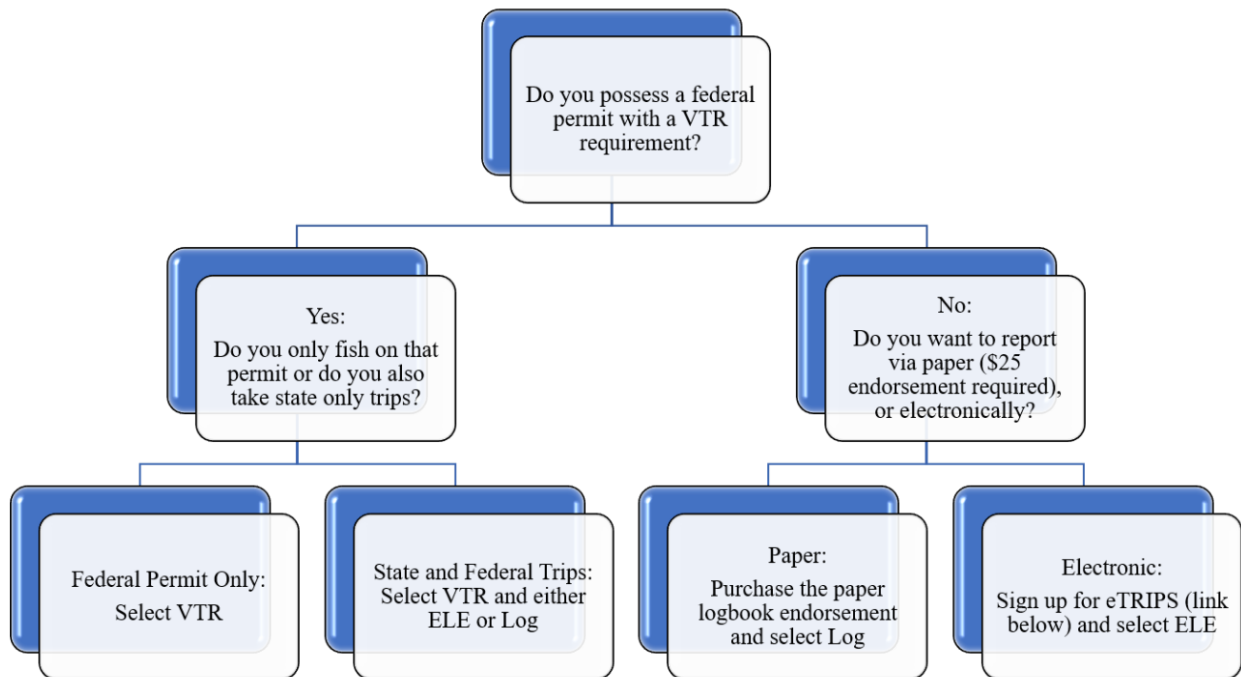
Who needs to report?

All commercial fishing license holders with a Multipurpose (MPURP) license, a Resident Standard (RSTND), or a Non-Resident Standard (NRSTND) commercial fishing license with a finfish, crustacean, or unlimited shellfish endorsement. Those with a RSTND with a LIMITED SHELLFISH endorsement ONLY do not need to report. Commercial license holders must declare how they will report at the time of license issuance/renewal.

All party/charter license holders must report electronically to eTRIPS.

How do I choose my reporting method?

There are 3 methods for commercial license holders to choose from. federal VTR, state paper logbook (\$25 fee), or state electronic reporting (eTRIPS). Some programs run from Marine Fisheries require electronic reporting for participation, for more information please contact the Marine Fisheries Office at 401-423-1923. License holders may refer to this flow chart when selecting their reporting method:



Where do I get the endorsement?

At the time of license renewal/issuance the endorsement must be purchased. This can be done in person at The Boat Registration & Licensing office located at 235 Promenade St, Providence RI on the 3rd floor, Room 360. They are open Mon-Fri 8:30-3:30 and can be contacted at 401-222-6647. If renewing online, select the endorsement when renewing your license and checkout.

How do I sign up for online reporting (eTRIPS)?

To sign up, go to the marine fisheries Commercial Licensing, Logbook & Reporting section of the website: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/commercial-fishing-dealer-resources/commercial-licensing> and click on the “Sign Up for Online Harvester Catch and Effort Reporting” link. Then fill out the form and click “submit”. Account information and introductory material including the website information and brief instructions will be sent to you within one week via email.

What kind of technical support will be available?

A step-by-step instructional PowerPoint presentation is available at the website listed above, along with links to videos, and by telephone via the 24/7 helpdesk (1-800-984-0810). Marine Fisheries staff are also available to assist via phone, email, or in person appointments at the Jamestown office.

What do I do if I enroll in online reporting, but change my mind in a few months?

After the license renewal period is over, you are not able to change your reporting method. All reports for the year must be submitted in the manner declared at the time of license issuance/renewal. No paper reports will be accepted from license holders without the paper logbook endorsement.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact the Marine Fisheries office at front desk 401-423-1923. Additionally, Coly Ares is available at 401-423-1926 or nichole.ares@dem.ri.gov.