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**RI 2024 Summer/Fall Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black
Sea Bass
(May 1 – Dec. 31)
Application Form and Instructions**

This application is to obtain a permit to harvest and land Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass for the Summer/Fall Aggregate Program (May 1 – Dec. 31) pursuant to RI Marine Fisheries regulations [Part 23 “Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass”](#).

Eligibility criteria and permit conditions are provided in the rule. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read and understand these regulations. All captains and vessel applicants will be subject to a background check for criminal or administrative penalty for violations of State or Federal commercial fishing regulations or laws within the past three (3) years.

Upon submitting an application, a functioning RIDEM approved Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) tracking unit must be installed and functioning on your vessel. Currently there are three approved devices, two of which are for sale:

Vendor	Device Name	Website	Phone	Email
Viatrax	Boat Command	https://boatcommand.com	(918) 824- 1400	support@viatrax.com
Woods Hole Group	NEMO	https://whgnemo.myportfolio.com	(240) 492- 1944	support@woodsholegroup.com

The Faria Beede Sentry VMS unit is no longer offered for sale but remains an approved device. This device may be phased out in the future. We encourage harvesters who own this device to contact the Division of Marine Fisheries at 401-560-4131 with questions.

Also prior to submitting an application, applicants must have an electronic data reporting account in the Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS). For information on how to get started visit our website: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/commercial-fishing-dealer-resources/commercial-licensing> .

Submit completed application forms to:

RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries
3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02835
john.lake@dem.ri.gov
[Attn: Aggregate Program Application](#)

**RI 2024 Summer/Fall Aggregate Program for Black Sea Bass
(May 1 – Dec. 31)**

Application Form

Vessel Name:
Coast Guard Doc/ State Reg. #:
Vessel Federal Permit Number:
Vessel Owner Name:
Vessel Owner Address (street, town/city, zip):
Contact (phone #):
Contact (email):

Operator 1 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 1 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Operator 2 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 2 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Operator 3 Name (Print): _____ **DOB:** _____

RI Commercial Fishing/Landing License (acronym and #): _____

I attest that I have read the regulations for this program.

Operator 3 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Vessel Monitoring System:

Please indicate the type of VMS unit you have installed on the vessel.

_____ Faria Beede Sentry Serial # _____

_____ Viatrax Boat Command Serial # _____

_____ Woods Hole Group NEMO Serial # _____

Electronic Reporting Information:

Please indicate the user name used by each operator to submit electronic reports.

Operator 1 SAFIS User Name: _____

Operator 2 SAFIS User Name: _____

Operator 3 SAFIS User Name: _____

I hereby attest to the best of my knowledge that the information submitted on this application is complete and correct. I also attest that I have read and agree to comply with the regulations for this program.

Vessel Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____