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### **Commercial Fishing Permit Holder Electronic Reporting Requirement to Begin March 1, 2027**

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Effective March 1, 2027, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) will require all Massachusetts commercial fishing permit holders to submit trip-level reports electronically using an approved application such as eTRIPS online or eTRIPS Mobile. Beginning in March 2027, paper submittals of catch reports will no longer be accepted regardless of when the trip occurred. Federal reporting vessels are already required to report trips electronically to NOAA Fisheries and will continue to be exempt from DMF trip-level reporting.

To comply with this new requirement, permit holders must have access to the internet via a computer with a compatible internet browser or a tablet or phone that can download the eTRIPS mobile application. All eTRIPS applications are free to the user.

The DMF Fisheries Statistics Project is expanding its harvester support program to manage this transition to electronic reporting. Over the next 17 months, DMF staff will be working to provide training and guidance for those users who have been hesitant to transition over to electronic reporting. The Statistics Project will also continue to operate their support desk during normal business hours from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Further information regarding support for permit holders will be distributed in 2026.

DMF encourages permit holders to begin electronic reporting prior to 2027. To switch your current reporting method to electronic reporting or receive more information, please contact the Statistics Project's support desk via email at [dmf.stats@mass.gov](mailto:dmf.stats@mass.gov) or call 978-491-6279.

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