

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**

**2013 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCARD
AND GEAR INTERACTION TRIP REPORT**

for the

SOUTHEAST COASTAL FISHERIES TRIP REPORT

for

**GULF OF MEXICO REEF FISH
SOUTH ATLANTIC SNAPPER-GROUPER
KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL
SHARK
ATLANTIC DOLPHIN/WAHOO**

YOU ARE ADVISED THAT DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THIS REPORT IS MANDATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANAGING THE FISHERIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 (16 U.S.C. § 1801 ET SEQ.). FAILURE TO REPORT OR FILING A FALSE REPORT MAY RESULT IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS. SEE, E.G., 16 U.S.C. §§ 1857, 1858, 1859; 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

NAME OF VESSEL : _____

PERMIT NUMBER : _____

2013 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCARD AND GEAR INTERACTION REPORTING FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Please read instructions carefully. Reporting period is 1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013

This form is to be used to report the number of fish discarded and protected species gear interactions. Please complete the form as thoroughly as possible and include it with the logbook form for the corresponding trip.

All forms must be submitted no later than seven (7) days after the completion of each trip (the date of landing). Completed forms are to be mailed to:

**National Marine Fisheries Service
Logbook Program
P.O. Box 491500
Key Biscayne, Florida 33149**

If you have any questions, please contact the Logbook Program at (305) 361-4581.

Please print all requested information clearly. A form with incomplete or unclear information cannot be entered into the database and will be returned. A missing form may cause you to be out of compliance and your permit renewal denied.

Please enter the **same Vessel Number and Trip Start Date that are on the corresponding logbook trip report form. Do not send a discard form for months you did not fish.**

You must fill out a SEPARATE form for EACH fishing trip made. DO NOT report multiple trips on one form. All information for one fishing trip should be entered on one form. There are two sections for each form. The top of the page, or **Vessel Section**, is to help us link this discard report with the logbook trip report form (OMB#00648-0016). The bottom portion of the page, or **Discard Section**, is used to report your interactions with species which were caught, or entangled in gear, but are not sold.

If no discards or protected species gear interactions were encountered on a trip, please check the “**No Discard Interactions this Trip**” box on the form.

Vessel Section - Fill in each information block on each log as described below:

Captain's Signature - The person responsible for the operation of the vessel during the trip must sign the form to verify all information.

Phone No. - Include a phone number where you can be reached.

Vessel ID. No - Enter the official US Coast Guard documentation number or state registration number for the vessel as it appears on the permit application.

Vessel Name - Enter the vessel name as it appears on the permit application.

Trip Start Date - Enter the date that the vessel left the dock for this trip (this should be the same start date as reported on the logbook form).

Discard Section - Report each species discarded per gear type and, if applicable, each protected species which interacted with your gear on this trip.

Species - Print the name of the fish, marine mammal or turtle that was discarded or that interacted with your gear.

Number - Report the estimated number of animals for each species discarded or encountered (caught with hooks, tangled in lines/nets, etc.).

Average Weight - Report the estimated average individual weight in whole pounds for each species discarded.

Discard Condition - Enter the following codes for the condition of the discards or protected species interactions:

- 1 - DEAD ALL:** All discards were dead (floating on the surface).
- 2 - DEAD MAJORITY:** More than 50% of the discards were dead.
- 3 - ALIVE ALL:** All discards were alive (swam away when returned).
- 4 - ALIVE MAJORITY:** More than 50% of the discards were alive.
- 5 - KEPT:** Catch was kept - not sold (i.e., it was eaten, or used as bait by crew).
- 6 - Unable to determine.**

Discard Reason - Enter the following codes for the reason of the discards or protected species interactions:

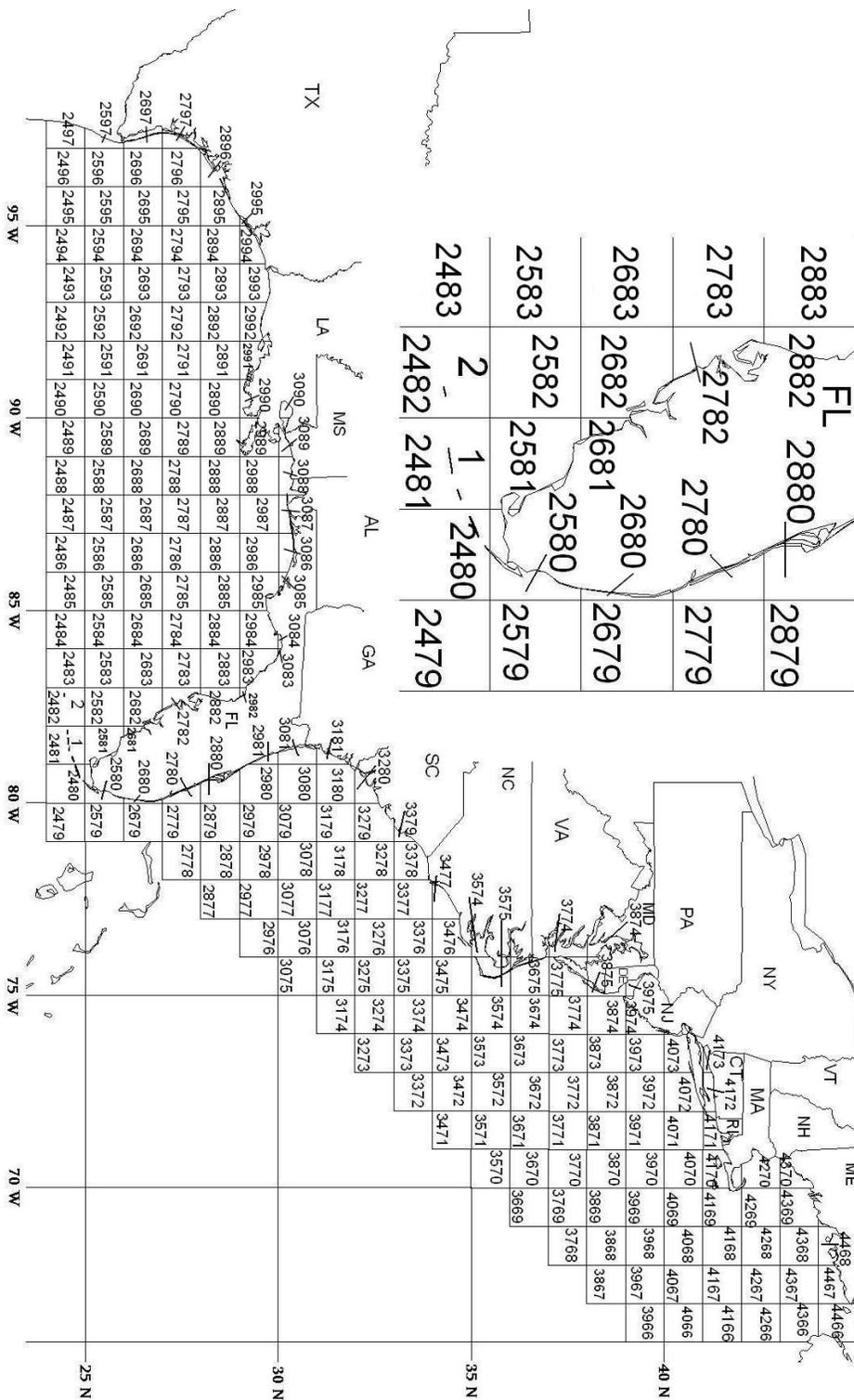
- A - REGULATIONS - NOT legal size:** Animals that would have been sold, however local or federal size limits forbid it.
- B - REGULATIONS - Out of season:** Animals that would have been sold, however the local or federal fishing season is closed.
- C - REGULATIONS - Other:** Animals that would have been sold, however a local or federal regulation, other than size or season, forbids it (Other than size or season; i.e. protected species, not properly permitted).
- D - MARKET CONDITIONS:** Animals that have no market value (rotten, damaged).

Gear - Enter the appropriate gear code for the type of gear ('T', 'L', 'GN', 'H', 'E', 'TR', 'B', 'S', 'P', 'O') used during each species interaction. If the same species were encountered using multiple gears, please enter the number of discards encountered separately for each gear type. See the Gear Section in the instructions of the Coastal Logbook (pg 2-3) for more information on Gear Codes.

Area - Enter the numeric code for the area where the discarded species were caught. Maps with numeric codes and associated latitudes and longitudes are on page 3 of these instructions. *** Do not use state codes or LORAN coordinates.**

Depth in Feet - Enter the bottom depth (in feet) where the majority of each species was caught. *** Do not record depth in fathoms or meters.**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this burden to Robert Walker, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149. This reporting is required under and is authorized under 50 CFR 622.5(a). Information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The NMFS requires this information for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. This data will be used to monitor the quota for this fishery.



Statistical Grid Map – Grid numbers follow lines of longitude and latitude*. The first two digits in the four digit grid numbers are latitude degrees, and the second two digits are longitude degrees.

*NOTE for Florida Keys Areas – Statistical grids 2481 and 2482 have been split along the border between the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions. The areas NORTH of the Florida Keys are to be reported as historical areas 1 or 2. Areas SOUTH of the Florida Keys are to be reported as areas 2481 or 2482.

