



ONLINE TRIP REPORTING FAQs



Why is the paper logbook endorsement required?

The \$25 paper catch and effort harvester endorsement funds the printing, mailing, data entry, and administrative costs of the paper logbook program. Electronic reporting eliminates these costs and thus is offered at no charge.

How do I know if I need the endorsement and/or to enroll in online reporting?

The following categories of fishermen <u>DO</u> need to either purchase the endorsement or enroll in online reporting:	The following categories of fishermen <u>DO NOT</u> need to purchase the endorsement or enroll in online reporting:
State waters only fishermen with a harvester logbook requirement.	PEL and CFL license holders without a logbook requirement (quahog, soft-shell clam, or shellfish-other endorsements only).
Federal fishermen WITHOUT a VTR requirement.	Fishermen who solely fish on board federal vessels, have a VTR requirement
Federal fishermen who also fish from state vessels or from shore.	

Do I need the endorsement if I have old logbooks lying around?

Yes. As mentioned above, this endorsement covers more than just the printing and mailing of the logbooks. Paper logbooks will not be accepted without the endorsement. If the logbook endorsement is not purchased before the renewal period ends the fishermen must sign up and use eTRIPS to report for the year in order to receive compliance.

Where do I get the endorsement?

The Licensing & Boat Registration 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.

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

To sign up, go to the marine fisheries website: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/topics/mftopics.htm> and click on the red “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?

Training workshops will be held periodically throughout the year. Online tutorial videos are available on YouTube by searching for “Rhode Island DEM Marine Fisheries,” there are also PowerPoint tutorials available on the DEM Marine Fisheries Webpage. Marine Fisheries staff will also be 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?

If you change your mind before the end of the renewal period (February 29, 2016) you may purchase the endorsement and report via paper logbook. However there is a \$10.00 charge to reprint your license. Once the renewal period is over you may **not** purchase the endorsement and must report via eTRIPS for 2016.

Who do I contact for more information?

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